

# **Governance & Constitution Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Thursday, 21st May, 2009  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to the work of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research it would be helpful if questions were submitted at least one working day before the meeting.

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Please contact	Paul Mountford
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4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2009.

5. **Procedural Matters** (Pages 7 - 10)

To bring to the attention of the Committee any procedural matters which are in need of consideration and/or recommendation to Council.

6. **North West Charter on Elected Member Development** (Pages 11 - 16)

To consider supporting an application by Cheshire East Council for the North West Charter on Elected Member Development (Level One).

7. **Member Attendance at Annual Conferences and Seminars** (Pages 17 - 22)

For the Committee to make recommendations to Cabinet in respect of Member attendance at conferences and seminars.

8. **Outside Organisations** (Pages 23 - 24)

To consider the re-appointment of the Task Group (Appointments to Outside Organisations).

9. **Community Governance Review – Crewe Petition** (Pages 25 - 32)

To consider the receipt of a petition calling for a Community Governance review in respect of the unparished areas of Crewe Town.

10. **Member Speaking at Planning Committees** (Pages 33 - 38)

To propose an amendment to the Constitution in order to apply a Planning Public Speaking Protocol to Members' general speaking rights at Planning Board and Committees.

11. **Anti-fraud and Corruption Strategy** (Pages 39 - 54)

The purpose of this report is to present a draft Anti-fraud and Corruption Strategy (Appendix A) for the Committee to consider.

12. **Anti Money Laundering Policy** (Pages 55 - 62)

To present a draft Anti-Money Laundering Policy for the Committee's consideration.

13. **Internal Audit Update Report** (Pages 63 - 72)

To update the Committee on the work of the internal audit section and key findings to date.