

Governance & Constitution Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 19th November, 2009
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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 period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to its work.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to five 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. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide three clear working days' notice, in writing, in order for an informed answer to be given.

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2009.

5. **Appointments to Outside Organisations** (Pages 7 - 10)

To consider a report on appointments to outside organisations and on the work of the Task Group (Outside Organisations).

6. **Police Authority Representation on the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee** (Pages 11 - 14)

To consider proposed changes to the existing arrangements relating to the membership of the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee.

7. **Cabinet Support Members** (Pages 15 - 18)

To consider proposed changes to the existing arrangements for Cabinet Support Members in relation to scrutiny committees.

8. **Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor** (Pages 19 - 30)

To consider a report on alternative approaches to the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor : a Mayoral Protocol.

9. **Questions at Council** (Pages 31 - 32)

To consider a report on the current rules relating to questions at Council.

10. **Implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)** (Pages 33 - 38)

To advise Members on the implications of implementing International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

11. **Code of Corporate Governance** (Pages 39 - 56)

To consider the adoption of a Code of Corporate Governance.

12. **Update on Risk Management** (Pages 57 - 64)

To consider an update on the implementation of the Risk Management Strategy.