

Community Governance Review Member Group Agenda

Date: Thursday, 12th November, 2009
Time: 3.00 pm
Venue: East Committee Room - Municipal Buildings, Earle Street,
Crewe, CW1 2BJ

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest 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 Member Group on any matter relevant to its work. 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: To enable Officers to undertake any background research it would be helpful if questions were submitted at least one working day before the meeting.

For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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4. **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2009.

5. **STAGE 2 CONSULTATION** (Pages 5 - 12)

At its meeting held on 15th October 2009, Council considered the results of the first stage of the consultation process and resolved “to accept the vote of the people of Crewe and to reject the notion of a town council for Crewe at the current time”.

The Council is now required to publish the decision as the Council’s draft recommendation for the outcome of the Review and to take steps to ensure that interested persons are informed.

At the last meeting of the Member Group, it was agreed that the Stage 2 consultation would consist of information and an electronic feedback form on website, public notices, press releases and correspondence with stakeholders.

The second stage of the consultation was due to start on 19th November. However, Officers considered that it was important for a further meeting of the Member Group to be held so that the wording of the consultation documents could be agreed by Members. This means that a new timeframe for the second stage of consultation is required.

Members are now asked to approve:

- (a) Consultation document publicising the Council’s draft recommendation (Pages 5-8)
- (b) Press Release (Pages 9-10)
- (c) Public Notice (Pages 11-12)

6. **UPDATED PROJECT PLAN** (Pages 13 - 16)

Members are asked to endorse the attached updated Project Plan.

It is proposed that the Stage 2 consultation runs for a period of 5-weeks from 30th November 2009 to 8th January 2010. Representations received would then be reported to the Governance and Constitution Committee on 28th January 2010, with the final decision being taken at the next scheduled meeting of full Council on 25th February 2010.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members are invited to agree a date for the next meeting. In light of the timetable proposed in item 6 above, Members may decide that a further meeting is not required in advance of the Governance and Constitution Committee meeting to be held on 28th January 2010.

PART 2 - THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS