

Council Agenda

Date: Thursday, 25th February, 2010
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Crewe

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. **Prayers**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 25 January 2010 as a correct record.

4. **Mayor's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Mayor.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

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

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

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35 and Appendix 7 to the rules, a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to speak at Council meetings.

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.

Members of the public must provide 3 clear working days notice, in writing, if they wish to ask a question at the meeting. It is not a requirement to give notice of the intention to make use of public speaking provision. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours notice is encouraged.

7. **Notice of Motion** (Pages 9 - 10)

To consider the attached Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Fletcher and Arnold.

8. **Referral to Council of Recommendations from Cabinet - Budget Report 2010/2011** (Pages 11 - 208)

To consider and approve the recommendations from the meeting of Cabinet held on 16 February 2010.

9. **Council Tax 2010/11 Statutory Resolution** (Pages 209 - 222)

To set the Council Tax for the financial year 2010/11, in accordance with the formal resolutions as shown in section 19 of the report.

10. **Referral to Council of Recommendation from Cabinet - Treasury Management Strategy 2010/11** (Pages 223 - 248)

To consider the recommendation from the meeting of Cabinet held on 16 February 2010 and to approve the Treasury Management Strategy and the MRP Statement for 2010/11, which includes the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) reporting requirements, in accordance with the Local Government Investments Guidance under Section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003, as set out in Appendix A of the report.

11. **Supplementary Estimates Approval** (Pages 249 - 250)

To approve a Supplementary Capital Estimate of £1,044,904 for a Housing Grants scheme.

12. **Calendar of Meetings 2010/11** (Pages 251 - 260)

To approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2010/11.

13. **Leader's Report to Full Council**

The Leader of the Council to report the following Key Decisions, which have been taken under the urgency provisions contained within Council Procedure Rule 44 :-

1. Appropriation of Land for car parking purposes.
2. Proposed Off-Street Parking Places Order for the former Congleton Borough Council Area.

14. **Questions**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11, opportunity is provided for Members of the Council to ask the Chairman, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee any question about a matter which the Council, the Cabinet or the Committee has powers, duties or responsibilities.

Questions must be sent in writing to the Monitoring Officer at least 3 clear working days before the meeting. (Calculated from midnight to midnight).

15. **Referral to Council of Recommendations from Governance and Constitution Committee** (Pages 261 - 286)

To consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Governance and Constitution Committee held on 19 February 2010: -

- (1) Procedure for Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor and adoption of a Mayoral Code of Practice
- (2) Delegation of Licensing Functions (Minor Variations)

16. **Urgent Items of Business**