

# Standards Committee Agenda

Date: Monday, 24th May, 2010

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 total 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 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 should provide three clear working days notice, in writing, if they wish to ask a question at the meeting, in order for an informed answer to be given. It is not required 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.

Please contact Carol Jones on 01270 686471

E-Mail: <a href="mailto:carol.jones@cheshireeast.gov.uk">carol.jones@cheshireeast.gov.uk</a> with any apologies or requests for further information or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

#### **MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

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

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

#### 5. **Work Programme - 2010-2011** (Pages 7 - 12)

The Committee is invited to approve a Work Programme for 2010-2011.

## 6. **Partnerships Protocol** (Pages 13 - 18)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer which outlines progress to date on the development of a Standards Partnerships Protocol.

# 7. **Training for Members** (Pages 19 - 22)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer on any training requirements for Members in general and for Members of the Committee.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

#### 8. **Working Group Report** (Pages 23 - 24)

To receive the notes of a meeting of the "Issues and Ideas" Working Group.

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#### 9. Exclusion of Public and Press

The report relating to the remaining item on the agenda has been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the public and press excluded.

The Committee may decide that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 10 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

# PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

#### 10. Complaints Under the Code of Conduct (Pages 25 - 26)

To report receipt of complaints made against Borough, Town or Parish Councillors.