

Standards Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 14th May, 2012
Time: 3.30 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1 & 2, 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 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.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable 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 Diane Moulson on 01270 686476
E-Mail: diane.moulson@cheshireeast.gov.uk any apologies or requests for further information or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2012.

5. **Standards Regime: Dealing with Complaints Under a Future Code of Conduct** (Pages 5 - 32)

From 1 July 2012, Cheshire East Council will be expected to comply with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of its ethical governance arrangements i.e. to adopt a Code of Conduct and appropriate procedures to deal with any breaches under the Code. Full Council will also need to appoint an Independent Person(s) in accordance with the Act.

To avoid the necessity of holding a special meeting of Council, the Committee is invited to consider the report of the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer which sets out a series of recommendations which would enable the Council to comply with its obligations under the Act.