

# Cabinet

## Agenda

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**Date:** Tuesday, 10th December, 2013  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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 disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary 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 meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding 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 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.

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#### 4. **Questions to Cabinet Members**

A period of 20 minutes is allocated for questions to be put to Cabinet Members by members of the Council. Notice of questions need not be given in advance of the meeting. Questions must relate to the powers, duties or responsibilities of the Cabinet. Questions put to Cabinet Members must relate to their portfolio responsibilities.

The Leader will determine how Cabinet question time should be allocated where there are a number of Members wishing to ask questions. Where a question relates to a matter which appears on the agenda, the Leader may allow the question to be asked at the beginning of consideration of that item.

#### 5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

#### 6. **Congleton Link Road - Approval to Proceed to Public Consultation (Forward Plan Ref. CE 13/14-14)** (Pages 13 - 26)

To consider a report seeking approval to proceed with a public consultation exercise on the four shortlisted routes for the proposed Congleton Link Road.

#### 7. **Notice of Motion - Reducing Carbon Emissions** (Pages 27 - 34)

To consider a motion on the reduction of the Council's carbon emissions, together with a report on the Council's achievements to date in this area and further actions proposed.

#### 8. **Notice of Motion - Auditor's Value for Money Conclusion** (Pages 35 - 42)

To consider a report responding to a motion submitted to Council on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

#### 9. **Property-related Consultancy Services (Forward Plan Ref. CE 13/14-57)** (Pages 43 - 54)

To consider a report on the future commissioning of property-related consultancy services.

#### 10. **Review of 2014-15 Schools Funding Formula** (Pages 55 - 60)

To consider a report on proposed options for the schools funding formula for 2014-15.

#### 11. **Council Tax Base 2014/2015** (Pages 61 - 66)

To consider a report on the Council Tax Base for Cheshire East which identifies important changes to the calculation of the tax base for 2014/2015.

**THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS**