

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 30th January, 2014
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 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 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.

For requests for further information

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4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2013.

5. **External Audit Update Report** (Pages 13 - 24)

To receive and comment on the update report of Grant Thornton, the external auditors.

6. **External Audit Certification Report 2012/13** (Pages 25 - 38)

To receive and comment upon the key findings in the Certification Report prepared by Grant Thornton, the external auditors.

7. **Internal Audit Interim Report 2013/14** (Pages 39 - 54)

To receive a report on progress against the Internal Audit Plan for 2013/14, revisions to it, and a summary of work during the third quarter.

8. **Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2014/15** (Pages 55 - 82)

To consider the 2014/15 Treasury Management Strategy Statement, incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement, Investment Strategy, and the Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2014/17.

9. **Compliance with the Data Protection Act (1988), Freedom of Information Act (2000), and Environmental Information Regulations 2004** (Pages 83 - 88)

To receive an update on how Cheshire East Council fulfils its obligations under the above legislation, and to consider the volume of requests, trends and current and future issues.

10. **Review of New CIPFA Guidance on Audit Committees** (Pages 89 - 108)

To consider the view of CIPFA on the role and functions of an audit committee.

11. **Risk Management Update Report** (Pages 109 - 132)

To consider a summary of risk management work carried out since the last meeting.

12. **Proposed Governance, Stewardship and Control Arrangements for Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles** (Pages 133 - 142)

To consider the proposed governance, stewardship and control arrangements for the Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles being created by the Council.

13. **Work Plan 2013/14** (Pages 143 - 150)

To consider the Work Plan for the Committee.