

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 26th June, 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 - 8)
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2014.
5. **Grant Thornton - Emerging Issues Briefing** (Pages 9 - 26)
To note the Emerging Issues briefing report.
6. **Arrangements Review for Breaches of Members Code of Conduct** (Pages 27 - 60)
To consider revised arrangements for dealing with standards allegations under the Localism Act 2011.
7. **Internal Audit Annual Report 2013/14** (Pages 61 - 82)
To consider the report of the Internal Auditor, and to note the opinion, for 2013/14.
8. **Annual Report 2013/14 on Risk Management** (Pages 83 - 110)
To consider the report of the Corporate Risk Management Group, and to approve minor changes to the Risk Management Policy.
9. **Draft Annual Governance Statement 2013/14** (Pages 111 - 134)
To consider the draft Annual Governance Statement.
10. **Draft Pre-Audit Statement of Accounts 2013/14** (Pages 135 - 144)
To note the pre-audit statement of accounts, the surplus generated and the new earmarked reserves.
11. **Whistleblowing Policy** (Pages 145 - 162)
To note the report, endorse the proposed actions for the ongoing review, and to approve the proposed amendments to the Whistleblowing Policy.
12. **Work Plan 2014/15** (Pages 163 - 186)
To note the Terms of Reference approved by Council on 14 May, to consider the work plan for the current municipal year, and to review the membership of the specialist Member/Officer Groups.