

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 20th November, 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 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014.

5. **Better Care Fund Update** (Pages 7 - 20)

To consider an update on the Cheshire East Better Care Fund and progress towards the implementation date of 1 April 2015.

6. **External Audit Annual Letter 2013/14** (Pages 21 - 34)

To consider the key findings and recommendations contained in the Annual Audit Letter for 2013/14.

7. **Annual Governance Statement Update** (Pages 35 - 56)

To consider the process for 2014/15, and to note changes to governance, risk management and audit arrangements.

8. **Internal Audit Interim Report 2014/15 and Internal Audit Charter** (Pages 57 - 80)

To consider an update on the progress of the Internal Audit Plan for 2014/15, and to approve the updated Internal Audit Charter.

9. **Compliance with Contract Rules of Procedure** (Pages 81 - 84)

To consider an update on Compliance with Contract Rules of Procedure, and an outline of improvements being implemented.

10. **Payments to Directors of Council Owned Companies** (Pages 85 - 92)

To consider the Council's policy on paying the Directors of its owned and controlled companies.

11. **Members Code of Conduct: Standards Panels and Sub-Committee Update** (Pages 93 - 96)

To note the numbers and outcome of complaints under the Code of Conduct for Members between the period between April and October 2014.