

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 22nd January, 2015
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 20 November 2014 as a correct record.

5. **External Audit Update** (Pages 7 - 24)

To consider an update on the progress of the External Auditors on delivering their responsibilities.

6. **Certification of Claims and Returns** (Pages 25 - 30)

To consider the key findings of the External Auditor following their completion of the certification process for the 2013/14 claims and returns.

7. **Treasury Management Strategy and MRP Statement 2015/16** (Pages 31 - 58)

To consider the Treasury Management Strategy and the MRP Statement for 2015/16.

8. **Compliance with the Data Protection Act, Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations** (Pages 59 - 64)

To consider an update on how Cheshire East Council fulfils its obligations under the Data Protection Act (1998), and the Freedom of Information Act (2000), including the Environmental Information Regulations.

9. **Compliance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000** (Pages 65 - 68)

To consider an update on how the Council has complied with RIPA legislation during 2014/15.

10. **Internal Audit Interim Report 2014/15** (Pages 69 - 74)

To consider progress against the Internal Audit Plan 2014/15, revisions to the Plan, and a summary of the work undertaken between October and December 2014.

11. **Audit and Governance Committee Self-Assessment Update** (Pages 75 - 86)

To consider progress in implementing the actions arising from the 2013/14 self-assessment of the Committee against good practice, and against the evaluation of its effectiveness as reported in March 2014.

12. **Fraud and Corruption Update Report** (Pages 87 - 106)

To consider the developments both locally and nationally concerning arrangements to counter the threat of fraud and corruption.

13. **Revising the Council's Code of Corporate Governance** (Pages 107 - 116)

To consider the proposed approach to updating the content and format of the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

14. **Risk Management Update Report** (Pages 117 - 138)

To consider the Council's risk management assessment and an update on its current Corporate Risk Register.

15. **Work Plan 2014/15** (Pages 139 - 150)

To consider the Work Plan and any amendments needed.