

## **Audit and Governance Committee**

### Agenda

Date: Thursday, 19th March, 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 body in question.

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.

#### 4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 as a correct record.

#### 5. Informing the External Audit Risk Assessment for Cheshire East Council (Pages 7 - 46)

To consider managements response to questions posed by the External Auditor.

#### 6. **Risk Management Update Report** (Pages 47 - 52)

To consider the report and a receive a briefing on Corporate Opportunity 8 (Public Sector Effort).

#### 7. Members Code of Conduct Standards Report (Pages 53 - 56)

To note the numbers and outcomes of complaints under the Code of Conduct for Members between 1 November 2014 and the end of February 2015.

#### 8. Audit and Governance Committee Self-Assessment (Pages 57 - 78)

To consider the self-assessment and any amendments to it.

### 9. Alternative Service Delivery Vehicle Governance and Stewardship (Pages 79 - 88)

To note the update on the governance arrangements for Council's Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles.

# 10. **Disclosure of Officers Remuneration in the Statement of Accounts** (Pages 89 - 96)

To consider the report of the Chief Operating Officer.

#### 11. Grant Thornton Audit Plan 2014/15 (Pages 97 - 122)

To consider the Audit Plan for the year ending 31 March 2015.

#### 12. Internal Audit Plan 2015/16 (Pages 123 - 138)

To approve the Summary Internal Audit Plan for 2015/16.

#### 13. Work Plan 2014/15 and 2015/2016 (Pages 139 - 148)

To consider the Work Plan for the remainder of this municipal year and for 2015/16.