

# **Audit and Governance Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Thursday 24th September 2015  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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.

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

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015

5. **External Audit Findings Report 2014/15**

To follow.

6. **2014/15 Audit Findings and Action Plan**

To follow.

7. **Audited Statement of Accounts 2014/15**

To follow.

8. **Treasury Management Annual Report 2014/15** (Pages 7 - 26)

To note this report due to be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 29 September 2015.

9. **Annual Governance Statement 2014/15** (Pages 27 - 62)

To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 for signature by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive

10. **Report on Customer Feedback - Complaints, Compliments and the Local Ombudsman** (Pages 63 - 78)

To note this report and to make any further response as appropriate.

11. **Members Code of Conduct Standards Report** (Pages 79 - 84)

To note the numbers and outcomes of complaints under the Code of Conduct for Members between 1 March 2015 to the end of August 2015

12. **Review of Standards Arrangements for Dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints** (Pages 85 - 130)

To review the standards arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints

13. **Appointment of Independent Persons under the Localism Act 2011**  
(Pages 131 - 150)

To approve a procedure for the recruitment of three Independent Persons to Cheshire East Council

14. **Committee Work Programme** (Pages 151 - 166)

To consider the Work Plan for the coming months, and to make any changes to it considered necessary