

Council

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 14th December, 2017
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: The Ballroom, Sandbach Town Hall, High Street, Sandbach, CW11 1AX

The agenda is divided into two 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. **Prayers**

2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. **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.

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 5 - 18)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2017 as a correct record.

5. **Mayor's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Mayor.

6. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35 and Appendix 7 to the rules, a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to speak at Council meetings.

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 a requirement 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.

7. **Leader's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Leader.

8. **Recommendation from Cabinet - Council Tax Base 2018/19 - Domestic Rates**
(Pages 19 - 24)

To consider the recommendations from Cabinet.

9. **Recommendation from Cabinet - Non-Domestic Rates Taxbase 2018/19** (Pages 25 - 32)

To consider the recommendation from Cabinet.

Note – The following additional recommendation was circulated at the Cabinet meeting:-

That Cabinet, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, recommend to Council the amount to be calculated by Cheshire East Council as its business rates tax base for the year 2018/19 as £134.7m.

10. **Recommendations from Cabinet - Mid-Year Review of Performance** (Pages 33 - 52)

To consider the recommendations from Cabinet.

11. **Recommendation from the Constitution Committee - Review of the Constitution**
(Pages 53 - 112)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee.

12. **Recommendation from the Constitution Committee - Calendar of Meetings 2018/19** (Pages 113 - 120)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee.

13. **High Speed Rail - (West Midlands Crewe) Bill (HS2 Phase 2a) Petitioning** (Pages 121 - 128)

To consider the recommendations as set out in the report.

14. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 129 - 132)

To consider any Notices of Motion that have been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 12

15. **Questions**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11, opportunity is provided for Members of the Council to ask the Mayor, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee any question about a matter which the Council, the Cabinet or the Committee has powers, duties or responsibilities.

At Council meetings, there will be a maximum question time period of 30 minutes. Questions will be selected by the Mayor, using the criteria agreed by Council. Any questions which are accepted, but which cannot be dealt with during the allotted period will be answered in writing. Questions must be brief, clear and focussed.