

# Council Agenda

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**Date:** Wednesday 21st October 2020  
**Time:** 11.00 am  
**Venue:** Virtual Meeting

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It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making meetings are recorded and the recordings are uploaded to the Council's website

## **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 as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20 February 2020.

5. **Mayor's Announcements**

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

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

In accordance with paragraph 1.32 of the Council Procedure Rules 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 2 minutes, but the Chairman will have discretion to vary this requirement where they consider it appropriate.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question or make a statement 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.

7. **Leader's and Deputy Leader's Announcements**

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

8. **Recommendation from Constitution Committee: High Speed Rail 2 Phase 2a - Procedure for Decision-Making** (Pages 19 - 34)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee.

9. **Recommendation from Constitution Committee: Independent Remuneration Panel: Review of Members' Allowances Scheme** (Pages 35 - 42)

To consider the recommendation from the Constitution Committee.

10. **Recommendation from Constitution Committee: Review of the Member Training Programme** (Pages 43 - 50)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee.

11. **Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2019/20** (Pages 51 - 72)

To receive the annual report of the Audit and Governance Committee.

12. **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20** (Pages 73 - 88)

To receive the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20.

13. **Recommendations from Cabinet - Finance Reports** (Pages 89 - 120)

To consider the recommendations from Cabinet.

14. **Appointments to the Adoption Panel and Fostering Panel** (Pages 121 - 124)

To approve the appointments to these Statutory panels.

15. **Appointment of Independent Persons for Standards Matters** (Pages 125 - 128)

To appoint Independent Persons for a 1-year term until 26 July 2021 pursuant to section 28 of the Localism Act 2011.

16. **Approval of the Continuing Absence of Any Elected Member, Arising from Issues Relating Directly or Indirectly to COVID-19** (Pages 129 - 134)

To approve the continuing absence of any Elected Member, arising from issues relating directly or indirectly to COVID-19, until 28 February 2021.

17. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 135 - 138)

To consider any Notices of Motion that have been received in accordance with paragraph 1.34 of the Council Procedure Rules.

18. **Questions**

In accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Council Procedure Rules, 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. A period of two minutes will be allowed for each member wishing to ask a question. The Mayor will have the discretion to vary this requirement where they consider it appropriate. 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.

19. **Reporting of Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive on behalf of Council** (Pages 139 - 142)

To note the Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive on behalf of Council.