

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday 30th July 2020

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting

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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.

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

In accordance with paragraph 2.32 of the Committee Procedural Rules and Appendix 7 to the Rules 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 or person presiding 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 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.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2020 as a correct record.

5. **External Audit Update Report** (Pages 11 - 22)

To receive and consider the External Audit Update Report.

6. **Draft Pre-Audit Statement of Accounts 2019/20** (Pages 23 - 28)

To note the summarised position of the accounts for year ended 31st March 2020.

7. **Internal Audit Annual Report 2019/20** (Pages 29 - 56)

To receive and consider the Internal Audit Annual Report 2019/20.

8. **Annual Monitoring Officer Report 2019/20** (Pages 57 - 82)

To consider the annual report of the Monitoring Officer.

9. **Annual Information Governance Update 2019/20** (Pages 83 - 90)

To consider the progress made on the Information Assurance Programme during 2019/2020, and future vision to support on-going compliance.

10. **Draft Annual Governance Statement 2019/20** (Pages 91 - 128)

To consider the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2019/20.

11. **Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2019/20** (Pages 129 - 150)

To considers the draft report for 2019/20 and agree the final version which will be presented to Council later this year.
12. **Localism Act 2011 - General Dispensations** (Pages 151 - 156)

To approve for the 4-year period to 28 September 2024 the general dispensations for all elected and co-opted Members of Cheshire East Council.
13. **Community Governance Review: Members' Interests** (Pages 157 - 166)

To approve a general dispensation allowing Members to take part in and vote on Community Governance Review matters in which they have disclosable pecuniary and prejudicial interests for a 4-year period up to 29 July 2024.
14. **Maladministration Decision Notices from Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman - February - March 2020** (Pages 167 - 172)

To consider the Decision Notice issued by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman when their investigations have found maladministration causing injustice to complaints.
15. **COVID-19 Financial Impact** (Pages 173 - 180)

To consider the financial implications of COVID-19.
16. **Committee Work Plan** (Pages 181 - 202)

To consider the Work Plan and determine any required amendments.
17. **Waivers and Non Adherences** (Pages 203 - 208)

To consider and note the number and reason for the WARNs approved between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2020.
18. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

19. **Waivers and Non-Adherences**

To note the approved WARNs issued between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2020.

Membership: Councillors R Bailey (Vice-Chairman), C Bulman, D Edwardes, B Evans, R Fletcher (Chairman), S Hogben, M Houston, A Kolker, M Sewart and M Simon
Independent Co-opted Members: Mr P Gardener