

# Audit and Governance Committee

## Agenda

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**Date:** Wednesday 11th November 2020  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Virtual Meeting

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

### **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 24 September 2020 as a correct record.

5. **External Audit Findings and Action Plan 2019/20** (Pages 11 - 42)

To consider and receive the Audit Completion Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

6. **Statement of Accounts 2019/20** (Pages 43 - 48)

To consider the Statement of Accounts 2019/20.

7. **Annual Governance Statement 2019/20** (Pages 49 - 86)

To receive and approve the proposed final Annual Governance Statement 2019/20.

8. **Draft Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2021/22** (Pages 87 - 110)

To consider and note the draft Treasury Management Strategy and the MRP Statement for 2021/22.

9. **Covid-19 - Update on Response and Recovery** (Pages 111 - 142)

To consider the Cabinet update report on the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

10. **Quarter Two Review of the Strategic Risk Register 2020/21** (Pages 143 - 166)

To consider the outcomes of the review of the Strategic Risk Register at the end of Quarter Two.

11. **Audit and Governance Committee Composition and Structure**  
(Pages 167 - 172)

To consider the future composition and structure of the Audit and Governance Committee.

12. **Maladministration Decision Notices from Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman: April - August 2020** (Pages 173 - 186)

To consider the Decision Notice issued by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman when their investigations have found maladministration causing injustice to complaints.

13. **Committee Work Plan** (Pages 187 - 200)

To consider the Work Plan and determine any required amendments.

14. **Waivers and Non-Adherences** (Pages 201 - 206)

To consider and note the number and reason for the WARNs approved between 1 September and 30 September 2020.

15. **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**

16. **Waivers and Non-Adherences**

To note the approved WARNs issued between 1 September and 30 September 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