

# Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Agenda

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**Date:** Thursday, 8th April, 2021

**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 and Overview and Scrutiny meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of Previous meeting**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2021.

*Minutes to follow.*

3. **Declarations of Interest**

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For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

4. **Declaration of Party Whip**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda.

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

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

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.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public contacted the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting to provide brief details of the matter to be covered.

6. **Covid-19 Update**

To consider an update on the council's response to, and recovery from, Covid-19.

*Report to follow.*

7. **Financial Implications of the Committee System** (Pages 5 - 12)

To consider a report on the financial implications of the incoming committee system form of governance.

8. **Review of the Council's ICT Infrastructure Spend** (Pages 13 - 22)

To consider a report detailing the council's ICT infrastructure spend and whether cost-per-person value for money has been achieved.

9. **Refreshed Equality Objectives and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2021-25** (Pages 23 - 66)

To consider the council's proposed refreshed Equality Objectives and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2021-25, prior to consideration by Cabinet on 13 April 2021.

10. **Corporate Peer Challenge** (Pages 67 - 98)

To consider a report outlining progress made against the recommendations in the council's Corporate Peer Challenge, one year on from when it was undertaken in January 2020, prior to it being considered by Cabinet on 13 April 2021.

11. **Corporate Performance Scorecard - Quarter 3, 2020/21** (Pages 99 - 106)

To consider the performance data from Corporate Services in Quarter 3, 2020/21.

12. **Update from the (Best4Business) Joint Scrutiny Working Group**

To receive a verbal update from the Joint Scrutiny Working Group in respect of the Best4Business Programme.

13. **Task and Finish Group Report - Members' Facilities, Accommodation and Culture** (Pages 107 - 126)

To receive the final report of the Task and Finish Group set up to review Members' Facilities, Accommodation and Culture.

**Membership:** Councillors Q Abel, C Bulman, JP Findlow, R Fletcher, M Hunter, A Moran, B Murphy (Vice-Chairman), J Saunders, M Simon, R Vernon, L Wardlaw and J Clowes (Chairman)