

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday 28th January 2021
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 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2020 as a correct record.

5. **Audit and Governance Committee Structure and Composition**

To receive a verbal update on the Working Group's consideration of the future composition and structure of the Audit and Governance Committee.

6. **Internal Audit Update - January 2021** (Pages 13 - 20)

To receive an update on work undertaken by Internal Audit between April and December 2020 and how this, along with planned work for the remainder of the financial year, will contribute to the Annual Internal Audit Opinion for 2020/21.

7. **Maladministration Decision Notices from Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman - September - October 2020** (Pages 21 - 30)

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

8. **Business Grants End of Phase 1 Grants - Update** (Pages 31 - 38)

To consider a summary of the volume and amount paid in support of businesses, lessons learned through the administration of the scheme and any issues identified through fraud during the period February 2020 to October 2020.

9. **Covid-19 - Update on Response and Recovery** (Pages 39 - 74)

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

10. **Committee Work Plan** (Pages 75 - 84)

To consider the Work Plan and determine any required amendments.

11. **Audit Review of Procurement Controls** (Pages 85 - 110)

To consider the findings of an Internal Audit review of procurement controls following the completion of a long-standing police investigation into the award of contracts at Cheshire East Council.

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