

Council Agenda

Date: Wednesday 20th October 2021
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: Macclesfield Leisure Centre, Priory Lane, Macclesfield,
SK10 4AF

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Please contact Rachel Graves on 01270 686473
E-Mail: rachel.graves@cheshireeast.gov.uk with any apologies or requests for further information or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 June 2021.

4. **Mayor's Announcements**

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

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

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, a total period of 30 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 Chair will have discretion to vary this requirement where they consider it appropriate.

Members of the public wishing to speak are required to provide notice of this at least three clear working days' in advance of the meeting and should include the question with that notice.

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

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

7. **Recommendation from Finance Sub Committee: Aligning the Medium Term Financial Strategy to the Committee Structure** (Pages 15 - 28)

To consider the recommendation of the Finance Sub Committee.

8. **Recommendation from Finance Sub Committee: Group Outturn 2020-21** (Pages 29 - 48)

To consider the recommendations from the Finance Sub Committee.

9. **Appointment of Vice Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee** (Pages 49 - 52)

To appoint a Vice Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee.

10. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 53 - 58)

To consider any Notices of Motion that have been received in accordance with paragraph 1.30 to 1.34 of the Council Procedure Rules.

11. **Questions**

In accordance with paragraph 1.19 of the Council Procedure Rules, opportunity is provided for Members of the Council to ask the Mayor or the Chair of a Committee any question about a matter which the Council, or the Committee has powers, duties or responsibilities.

At Council meeting, there will be a maximum question time period of 30 minutes. A period of two minutes will be allowed for each Councillor wishing to ask a question. The Mayor will have the discretion to vary this requirement where they consider it appropriate.

12. **Reporting of Urgent Decision taken by the Chief Executive** (Pages 59 - 60)

To note the urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive on behalf of Council.

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council**
held on Tuesday, 22nd June, 2021 at Macclesfield Leisure Centre, Priory
Lane, Macclesfield, SK10 4AF

PRESENT

Councillor S Pochin (Mayor/Chair)

Councillor D Marren (Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair)

Councillors S Pochin, D Marren, Q Abel, J Barber, M Beanland, M Benson, L Braithwaite, J Bratherton, D Brown, C Browne, J Buckley, C Bulman, B Burkhill, S Carter, J Clowes, S Corcoran, L Crane, A Critchley, S Davies, T Dean, D Edwardes, S Edgar, B Evans, H Faddes, A Farrall, JP Findlow, K Flavell, R Fletcher, A Gage, S Gardiner, L Gilbert, M Goldsmith, A Gregory, P Groves, S Handley, A Harewood, G Hayes, S Hogben, S Holland, M Houston, M Hunter, A Kolker, C Leach, I Macfarlane, N Mannion, A Martin, R Moreton, B Murphy, D Murphy, C Naismith, J Nicholas, K Parkinson, J Parry, B Puddicombe, P Redstone, J Rhodes, M Sewart, M Simon, L Smetham, A Stott, R Vernon, L Wardlaw, M Warren, J Weatherill, P Williams, J Wray and N Wylie

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Addison, S Akers Smith, M Asquith, R Bailey, S Brookfield, P Butterill, T Fox, D Jefferay, L Jeuda, A Moran, L Roberts, J Saunders, J Smith and L Smith.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 10: Recommendation from Corporate Policy Committee - Member Allowances. Councillor S Gardiner declared that he was on the same community group as one of the Independent Remuneration Panel members and had not been aware they were a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel until the meeting of Corporate Policy Committee and that he had not discussed the matter with them.

14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021 be approved as a correct record.

15 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, in summary

- 1 referred to the recent death of Honorary Freeman and Honorary Alderman David Brickhill. Members stood for a minute's silence in tribute and in recognition of David Brickhill's service to local government for over 40 years.
- 2 welcomed Councillor Connor Naismith to his first Council meeting as the recently elected representative for the Crewe West Ward.
- 3 announced that the charities she would be supporting whilst Mayor were the Cheshire Youth Federation and Hopes and Beams.
- 4 reminded Members that she had written to them asking for nominations of those in their wards who had "gone the extra mile" during the Covid pandemic, in supporting their communities, and that when safe to do so, would be hosting a series of small receptions to thank them.
- 5 asked those present at the meeting to ensure that they observe the measures put in place so that the meeting could take place safely, and to bear in mind that the longer the meeting went on, the greater the risk was created for those present.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Matt Bradley and Robert Halsall spoke in relation to a noise complaint regarding a neighbour who kept roosters, and asked several questions relating to an abatement order and the Council's procedures in relation to their complaints. Cllr M Warren, Chair of Environment and Communities agreed to provide a written response to their questions.

The Head of Democratic Services and Governance read out statements and questions on behalf of the following and stated that written responses would be provided:

- Congleton Town Councillor Robert Douglas requested the Council to pledge not to use glyphosate on children's grassy play areas, around trees and street furniture.
- Parish Councillor Les Horne, on behalf of Minshull Vernon Parish Council, asked the Council to listen to residents and withdraw the proposals to abolish Minshull Vernon Parish Council.
- Craig Lambie asked what plans the Council had for public EV charging points in Sandbach and other Towns.

17 LEADER'S AND DEPUTY LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council, in summary:

- 1 thanked all for attending the meeting and stated he wished it had not been necessary to hold the meeting. All the group leaders had signed a letter asking for the legislation allowing remote meetings to be extended, but this had not happened, and so Members had to meet physically.
- 2 reported that there had been a rapid rise in the covid infections rates in Cheshire East at 131 per 100,000, which was up from less than 20 per 100,000 a few weeks ago. Cheshire East had been placed in an enhanced resources area. The Leader asked that all take care and follow the hands, face, space, and fresh air guidance.
- 3 reminded Members that it was Armed Forces Day on 26 June and referred to the UK scheme for local employed staff, such as interpreters supporting the armed forces in Afghanistan, who had risked their lives providing and now feared reprisal and asked the Members support those who choose to relocate to the UK. A report relating to this was being prepared and would be brought to the Environment and Communities Committee in due course.

The Deputy Leader, in summary:

- 1 reported that the Council had responded to the Government's call for evidence on remote meetings.
- 2 stated that he had visited the public realm work in Castle Street, Macclesfield, wholly funded by the Council, and had been pleased to learn the contractors had been particularly sensitive to the needs of existing businesses. As a result of this, local businesses had been supportive of the project. The contractors had also been trying-out electric powered plant equipment.
- 3 reported that the Government had updated its national performance league tables for business grants and Cheshire East was in the top 25 local authorities for the number of payments made and monies distributed to businesses.
- 4 reminded that the closing date for application for the restart grant was 30 June 2021. It was anticipated that the Council would receive £3.4m of discretionary grant funding once the government had accepted the evidence that all the additional restrictions grant money had been allocated.
- 5 confirmed that the Council had bid for funding to support the regeneration of Macclesfield Town Centre, specifically the Council

owned market, the old Sunday School and enhancing the Town Hall square area.

- 6 highlighted that consultation on a new on-demand transport services in the south of the borough had been launched.

18 **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: SUPPLEMENTARY REVENUE ESTIMATE**

Consideration was given to the request to approve expenditure relating to the receipt of nine government grants.

The grants related to the Towns Fund; Levelling Up Fund; Covid Support Grant; Holiday Activity Fund; Domestic Abuse Grant; Transport Grant; Future High Streets Fund; Wellbeing for Education Grant; and Staying Put Grant. The decisions were treated as Supplementary Capital or Revenue Estimates as funding associated with these grants would support an increase in the Council's approved budget for 2021/22.

RESOLVED: That Council approves

- 1 delegation of authority to the Executive Director – Place to approve Supplementary Capital and Revenue Estimates up to the value of the Towns Fund grant award, and further delegates authority to incur expenditure in line with the conditions of the Fund.
- 2 delegation of authority to the Executive Director – Place to approve a Supplementary Revenue Estimate up to the value of the Levelling Up Fund, and further delegates the authority to incur expenditure in line with the conditions of the Fund
- 3 a Supplementary Revenue Estimate for £1,088,510 and delegates authority to the Executive Director – Children's Services to incur expenditure in line with the conditions of the Covid Support Fund and Holiday Activity Fund.
- 4 a Supplementary Revenue Estimate for £647,000 and delegates authority to the Executive Director – Children's Services, to incur expenditure in line with the conditions of the Domestic Abuse Fund.
- 5 a Supplementary Revenue Estimate for £615,003.50 and delegates authority to the Executive Director – Children's Services to accept further funding from the Additional Dedicated Home to School and College Transport Grant and to incur expenditure in line with the conditions of the Grant.
- 6 a Supplementary Capital Estimate of £14,148,128 and to note that Resolution 53 (3 b-e) from Cabinet of 10 November 2020 delegated authority to the Executive Director Place, in consultation with

others, to accept the grant, approve budgets and take all necessary actions to implement the proposals.

- 7 a Supplementary Revenue Estimate for £48,163 and delegates authority to the Executive Director – Children’s Services, to incur expenditure in line with the conditions of the Wellbeing for Education Grant.
- 8 a Supplementary Revenue Estimate for £112,982 and delegates authority to the Executive Director – Children’s Services, to incur expenditure in line with the conditions of the Staying Put Grant.

19 **RECOMMENDATION FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE:
PROPOSED SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE**

The Corporate Policy Committee at its meeting on 8 June had considered the Proposed Senior Management Structure and made recommendations to Council.

The recommendations of the Corporate Policy Committee were moved and seconded, debated and put to the vote.

It was proposed that Recommendation 4 be amended to say “delegate all *consequential* constitutional changes...” This amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder of the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That Council

- 1 approve the adoption of the Senior Management Structure at Appendix 1 to the report;
- 2 approve the deletion of the Executive Director People and the Strategic Director Adult Social Care and Health roles and the creation of 2 new posts: the Executive Director of Children’s Services and the Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration (Appendix 2 to the report) which include the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Children’s Services and Director of Adults Social Services;
- 3 approve the salaries in respect of the Executive Director of Children’s Services and the Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration which will be in excess of £100,000 (up to £136,313 / Grade CX2); and
- 4 delegate all consequential constitutional changes, including the scheme of delegation, to the Monitoring Officer.

20 CONSTITUTION UPDATE

Consideration was given to proposed editorial and consequential changes to the Constitution, and to the approval sought by the Director of Governance and Compliance, for those constitutional changes to be made, which were reserved to full Council.

It was reported that in Recommendation 2.1.2 of the report, a word had been omitted. Recommendation 2.1,2 of the report should read “Require the Monitoring Officer to take all the necessary steps...”

The recommendations, together with the above amendment, were moved and seconded. During the debate two amendments were proposed.

Amendment 1

“That the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Committee (8th June 2021), limiting membership of this sub-committee to just SIX members (2:2:2) is rejected.

That the Constitution Working Group reflects the make-up of the wider elected member body and as such provides a committee that retains EIGHT members, recognising all major political groups on a 3:2:2:1 basis.

That the recommendations of the Constitution Working Group are reported to the parent committee (as agreed and recorded at their meetings), without subsequent and unauthorised alteration.”

The amendment was moved, seconded, and debated. The amendment was put to the vote and declared lost.

Amendment 2

“That paragraphs 1.21 and 1.24 be removed from the Council procedure rules.”

The amendment was moved and seconded. The mover and seconder of the substantive recommendations to Council, accepted this amendment and therefore the amendment became part of the substantive motion.

RESOLVED: That Council

- 1 agrees the revised text of the constitution as set out in the appendix Chapters 1, 2 and 3, with the addition of the removal of paragraphs 1.21 and 1.24 from the Council Procedural Rules; and
- 2 authorises the Monitoring Officer to take all necessary steps to update Chapter 5, Member Allowances as soon as reasonably practicable following approval of the allowance scheme.

21 **RECOMMENDATION FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE:
MEMBER ALLOWANCES**

The Corporate Policy Committee at its meeting on 8 June had considered a report of the Independent Remuneration Panel, and the recommendations of a Working Group appointed to consider these recommendations and had made recommendations to Council.

The recommendations of the Corporate Policy Committee were moved and seconded.

During debate an amendment was proposed:

“That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be adopted to take effect from the start of the 2021/22 municipal year, as stated in the Independent Remuneration Panel Report subject to the following:

- 1. There be no uplifting of the basic allowance in 2021/22*
- 2. In future years, starting 2022/23, member allowances continue to be uprated in line with the NJC officers pay award.*
- 3. the following allowances be continued as recommended 2021/22 but be reviewed for 2022/23:*
 - a) the Scrutiny Committee Chair’s Allowance, which should be reviewed in the light of the workload of that committee and that this be reported back to Council in November as part of the Constitution Review; and*
 - b) the civic allowances for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.*
- 4. That the Independent Remuneration Panel meet again in early 2022 to review its recommendations in the light of the Council’s experience of the new arrangements. (IRP Report page 265, para 5.11).”*

The amendment was moved, seconded, and debated. The amendment was put to the vote and declared lost.

The substantive recommendations were put to the vote and declared carried.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be adopted to take effect from the start of the 2021/22 municipal year subject to the following:

- 1 there be no uprating of the basic allowance in 2021/22;

- 2 in future years, starting in 2022/23, member allowances continue to be uprated in line with the NJC officers pay award;
- 3 the allowance for vice-chairs of service committees be increased to £6,000;
- 4 the whips allowances be replaced with a group administrator allowance paid at £3,825 to the administrator of any group with at least 10 members and £1,766 to the administrator of any group with at least 4 members but fewer than 10;
- 5 no allowance be paid for opposition spokespersons;
- 6 the following allowances be continued as recommended for 2021/22 but be reviewed for 2022/23:
 - a. the Scrutiny Committee chair's allowance, which should be reviewed in the light of the workload of that committee and this be reported back to Council in November as part of the constitution review; and
 - b. the civic allowances for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

22 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL GOVERNANCE**

Consideration was given to the report which sought direction and clarification from Council in respect of the Community Governance Review, following a meeting of the Constitution Committee on 6 April 2021.

The Monitoring Officer addressed the meeting to explain that following the change in the Council's governance arrangements, the Constitution Committee no longer existed, and it fell to a Statutory Officer to introduce the report to Council. Two options for consultation were being presented to Council - Option 1 being the recommendation of the Constitution Committee, and Option 2 the recommendation of the Community Governance Review Sub Committee, for decision to ensure that an appropriate course of action was followed for the Review. It was confirmed that after any consultation the matter would be brought back to Council for debate and decision.

It was moved and seconded that Option 2 – *“Agree the recommendation of the Community Governance Review Sub Committee on 26 February 2021, as recommended to the Constitution Committee”* be the for the format of the consultation.

Following debate, the recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Community Governance Review Sub Committee on 26 February 2021 be the format of consultation for the Community Governance Review.

23 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Consideration was given to the following Notice of Motion, which had been submitted in accordance with paragraph 1.33 of the Council Procedural Rules.

Right to Food

Proposed by Councillor A Critchley and Seconded by Councillor S Handley

We are seeing a crisis of food poverty born out of the political choices and systemic failings created over the past four decades, which have now reached a tipping point for so many in our communities. The figures are devastating for one of the richest nations in the world and highlight the inequality of the UK in 2020.

The Trussell Trust reports a soaring 81% increase in emergency food parcels from food banks in its network during the last two weeks of March 2020 compared with the same period in 2019, including a 122% rise in parcels given to children as the coronavirus pandemic continued to unfold.

This Council notes the consistent high rates of poverty across our Borough and Cheshire as a whole. We recognise the growing concern amongst our health and care professionals of the current situation and the likely exacerbation of poverty figures through the impact of the Covid19 pandemic and economic uncertainty as we progress through 2021.

The National Food Strategy is the first independent review of England's entire food system for 75 years. Its purpose is to set out a vision for the kind of food system we should be building for the future, and a plan for how to achieve that vision. It is headed by Henry Dimbleby and next reports to Government at some time this year.

The Right To Food campaign is arguing that the 11 million people in food poverty should be central to this strategy.

Enshrining the 'Right To Food' into law would clarify Government obligations on food poverty and would introduce legal avenues to hold Government bodies accountable for violations.

This Council calls for the 'Right To Food' to be incorporated into the 'National Food Strategy'. We ask the Chief Executive, Lorraine O'Donnell to write to Henry Dimbleby to further this request.

RESOLVED:

That the Motion be referred to the Adults and Health Committee.

24 QUESTIONS

Cllr A Gage referred to the recent upgrade to a children's maze in Willaston and the residents desire to name it after the late Cllr Maurice Jones and asked the Leader if he would fast track this proposal as the request had been made over a year ago. Cllr S Corcoran agreed to provide a written response.

Cllr A Farrall referred to the lifting of the national eviction embargo and asked what the effect of this would be in Cheshire East and what more could the Council do to help homelessness and rough sleepers into secure housing. Cllr N Mannion, Chair of Economy and Growth Committee, responded that there had not yet been a significant increase in evictions since the lifting of the ban and that the Council had put in place measure in anticipation and agreed to provide a detailed written response.

Cllr R Vernon asked the Leader of the Council what he believed should occur regarding a Member, who he said had risked the health and wellbeing of those present by stating in public that they would attend the meeting despite a supposed positive test for Covid-19 and that they would not resign as not harm had been done. The Monitoring Officer stated that as the councillor was not present and was not able to respond, the question was best put to that individual councillor rather than being discussed in the chamber, in their absence.

Cllr K Parkinson referred to the results of the transport and car parking review and asked when they would be published. Councillor Parkinson also asked for discussions to take place with Trafford Borough Council on the provision of a cross-border bus service. Cllr C Browne, Chair of Highways and Transport Committee, responded to the effect that the matter was due to come before the Highways and Transport Committee on 19 July 2021. A written response would be provided in relation to the cross-border bus and promoting the Lymm Shopper.

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am and concluded at 3.11 pm

Councillor S Pochin
MAYOR/CHAIR

COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH OCTOBER 2021**ALIGNING THE MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) TO THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve fully funded supplementary estimates above £1,000,000 in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules as detailed in Appendix D - Table B.

Extract from the Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting on 1st July 2021

3 ALIGNING THE MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) TO THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Sub-Committee considered a report on the allocation of the approved capital and revenue budgets to each of the service committees. The report also set out details of the general and earmarked reserves, assumptions underpinning the MTFS, supplementary estimates requiring approval by the Sub-Committee or Council, and an outline of the new budgetary process, timeline and consultation arrangements.

Members welcomed the fact that sessions would be arranged for all members in advance of the wider consultation on the MTFS.

It was proposed that a task group be appointed to work with the finance team in reviewing the MTFS assumptions with a view to reporting back to the Sub-Committee in September. The task group would comprise up to three members, with the Chair or Vice-Chair taking the responsibility to report back to the Sub-Committee. A provisional date of 27th August at 11.00 am had been set for the task group's meeting.

Officers were asked to clarify the position as regards asset transfers. Officers advised that the Economy and Growth Committee on 15th July 2021 would be considering a revised asset transfer policy and framework for the Council. Specific asset transfer proposals may need to be considered by the Finance Sub-Committee in due course.

The Sub-Committee was asked to approve an amendment to the recommendations in the report to provide that the earmarked reserve for PFI Equalisation Reserve – Extra Care Housing should remain the responsibility of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Sub-Committee

1. approves the allocation of the capital and revenue budgets, policy proposals and earmarked reserves to the following Committees in accordance with the MTFS approved in February 2021, as set out in Appendix A to the report:

- Adults & Health
- Highways & Transport
- Children & Families
- Economy & Growth
- Environment & Communities
- Corporate Policy
- Finance Sub-Committee

subject to the following earmarked reserve remaining the responsibility of the Finance Sub-Committee:

PFI Equalisation Reserve – Extra Care Housing (£2.62m)

2. notes MTFS assumptions, set out in paragraph 5.10 and Appendix C;
3. notes the MTFS timelines, as set out in paragraphs 5.11 – 5.14;
4. approves the formation of a task group, to work with the finance team in reviewing the assumptions and to report on the outcomes to the Finance Sub-Committee, the members of the task group to be as follows:

Councillor D Brown
Councillor S Carter
Councillor J Clowes

5. approves the supplementary estimates as set out in Appendix D and to notify the relevant committees; and

6. **recommends to Council to approve:**

- **fully funded supplementary estimates above £1,000,000 in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules as detailed in Appendix D - Table B.**

[Note: Appendix D of the report to the Finance Sub-Committee is attached.]

Appendix D – Supplementary Estimates

Table A Supplementary Estimates less than £1,000,000

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Environment & Communities	2020/21	Covid-19 National Leisure Recovery Fund (Specific Purpose)	964	<p>Everybody Sport & Recreation (ES&R) has seen very significant reductions in its income due to the pandemic, with receipts from fees and charges effectively reduced to zero during periods of closure required under lockdown rules. Whilst the Trust has been able to reduce costs and access government schemes (including furloughing) to support the Trust's ambition to remain a going concern, it has been necessary for the Council to provide advance payments of management fee to ES&R to ensure service continuity for the Council's leisure centres during and after the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>The Council submitted a bid to the National Leisure Recovery Fund in January 2021 and was informed on 22nd February 2021 that it had been successful. As a result, the Council has been awarded £901,542 of funding (£900,000 NLRf funding plus £1,542 Monitoring and Evaluation Grant). A further National Leisure Recovery Fund top-up grant of £61,971 was received on the 31st March 2021.</p>
Corporate Policy	2020/21 2021/22	Covid-19 Test and Trace Support (Specific Purpose)	369 120	Standard grant, discretionary grant and grant administration. This payment is designed to support people on low incomes, if they will lose income as a result of self-isolating, and to encourage them to get tested if they have symptoms. This is important to help stop the transmission of COVID-19 and avoid further economic and societal restrictions.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Highways & Transport	2020/21	Covid-19 Bus Services Support Grant (Restart) - Tranche 4 (Specific Purpose)	183	Covid-19 Bus Services Support Grant can only be spent on supporting bus services that have been affected by or need to be adjusted because of the impact of Covid-19. It is to be used as additional support on top of normal funding for local bus services, not as a replacement of that funding.
Highways & Transport	2020/21	Covid-19 Bus Services Support Grant (Restart) - Tranche 5 (Specific Purpose)	12	Covid-19 Bus Services Support Grant can only be spent on supporting bus services that have been affected by or need to be adjusted because of the impact of Covid-19. It is to be used as additional support on top of normal funding for local bus services, not as a replacement of that funding.
Highways & Transport	2021/22	Covid-19 Bus Services Support Grant (Restart) - Tranche 6 (Specific Purpose)	36	Covid-19 Bus Services Support Grant can only be spent on supporting bus services that have been affected by or need to be adjusted because of the impact of Covid-19. It is to be used as additional support on top of normal funding for local bus services, not as a replacement of that funding.
Corporate Policy	2020/21	Additional Individual Electoral Registration Grant (General Purpose)	93	The funding is to cover the additional costs of Individual Electoral Registration (IER) already incurred from Electoral Services budget in 2020/21 financial year.
Corporate Policy	2020/21	Covid-19 LA Framework/ Practical Support for those Self Isolating	71	The purpose of the grant is to provide funding to local authorities to provide practical support for those self-isolating.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
		(Specific Purpose)		
Environment & Communities	2020/21	Neighbourhood Planning Grant for Local Planning Authorities (General Purpose)	60	The conditions of the grant mean that this funding could be used across the wider Spatial Planning area. This level of funding would be intended to support a number of Community Neighbourhood Plans across the borough.
Economy & Growth	2021/22	Rough Sleeping Initiative (Specific Purpose)	371	Funding has been used to establish or continue Rough Sleeping Initiative services agreed by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to immediately intervene in, prevent and reduce rough sleeping in financial year 2021/22.
Economy & Growth	2021/22	Homelessness Prevention (Specific Purpose)	560	Homelessness Prevention Fund is to be used for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To fully enforce the Homelessness Reduction Act and contribute to ending rough sleeping by increasing activity to prevent single homelessness - To reduce family temporary accommodation numbers through maximising family homelessness prevention - To eliminate the use of unsuitable bed and breakfast accommodation for families for longer than the statutory six week limit
Corporate Policy	2020/21	Covid-19 Housing Benefit Administration Subsidy – Additional 2020/21 Funding (General Purpose)	36	This is a one-off payment by the Department for Work and Pensions for maintaining the Housing Benefit service during the COVID-19 pandemic and acknowledging the cost impact on service delivery throughout this period.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Corporate Policy	2020/21	New Burdens - Council Tax Hardship Fund and Business Rate Reliefs (Specific Purpose)	33	Administration of Council Tax Hardship Relief and Business Rate Reliefs.
Corporate Policy	2020/21	Local Government Transparency Code - New Burdens (General Purpose)	13	New burdens in relation to the Council's obligation to publish information in line with the Government's Transparency Code 2014.
Economy & Growth	2021/22	COVID-19 Cold Weather Fund (Specific Purpose)	6	The Cold Weather Fund is to be used to enhance accommodation provision such as access to the private rented sector, provide space in existing supported housing projects and fund more emergency accommodation for rough sleepers.
Highways & Transport	2020/21	Better Deal for Buses - Rural Mobility Fund (Specific Purpose)	5	Additional funding provided to local authorities to support them with the development of their business cases and to deliver programme-wide monitoring and evaluation.
Children & Families	2020/21	Covid-19 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) Covid-19 Fund	3	Spend must either have been incurred in order to meet public health requirements relating to unaccompanied asylum seeking children, including the border health measures introduced on 8 June, or to meet increased costs of caring for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and former unaccompanied children

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
		(Specific Purpose)		who are now care leavers as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). The latter includes costs incurred for this cohort as a result of wider pressures on services during the pandemic and costs incurred as a result of caring for children received through the National Transfer Scheme (NTS) in response to the urgent situation on the south coast.
Children & Families	2020/21	Alternative Provision Yr11 Transition Fund (Specific Purpose)	6	This funding is in response to the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and intended to fund additional transition support provided by AP settings for year 11 pupils from now to the end of February 2022
Children & Families	2020/21	National Tutoring Programme (Specific Purpose)	12	The National Tutoring Programme is designed to reach the most disadvantaged pupils in England to support schools and address the impact of Covid-19 on pupils' progress and learning.
Children & Families	2020/21	COVID-19 (Coronavirus) National Testing Programme (Specific Purpose)	167	Schools and colleges will receive funding to support them with costs they have incurred to conduct ATS on-site testing, in line with departmental testing policy.
Children & Families	2020/21	COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Free School Meals Additional Costs (Specific Purpose)	25	To recognise the additional cost of provision for pupils who were learning at home between 4 January until 5 March, schools were able to make a claim for additional funding.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children & Families	2021/22	Covid-19 Winter Grant Scheme (Specific Purpose)	307	Funding to provide direct assistance to vulnerable households and families with children particularly affected by the pandemic. This will include some families who normally have access to Free School Meals during term time.
Environment & Communities	2020/21	Mobile Homes Fit and Proper Person Test (General Purpose)	1	The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in addressing applications under the 'fit and proper person' requirements implemented by the Mobile Homes Act 2013.
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Covid-19 Business Support Grant New Burdens (Specific Purpose)	353	Administration of Business Support Grants; This grant is intended to fund costs incurred in the administration of business support grants including staff costs, software updates, print & postage and other 3rd party support.
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Covid-19 Welcome Back Fund (Specific Purpose)	339	Funding to support the return to high streets safely and help build back better from the pandemic.
Adults & Health	2021/22	Public Health Grant (Specific Purpose)	172	Public Health Grant received was higher than estimated in the MTFS. The grant Income value will increase by £171,714 in 2021/22 to £16,928,979.
Children & Families	2021/22	Extended Personal Adviser Duty Implementation Grant	56	The Children and Social Work Act 2017 introduced a new duty on local authorities, requiring them to offer Personal Adviser support to all care leavers up to age 25. Young people may

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
		(Specific Purpose)		request such support from the local authority after the age of 21 and up to their 25th birthday.
Children & Families	2021/22	Supporting Families (Payments by Results) Upfront Grant (Specific Purpose)	590	Local Councils and partners supporting vulnerable families to thrive. Providing help to those families who need support so they get it at the right point, in the right way, as early as possible.
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Covid-19 Local Elections (Specific Purpose)	14	The funding is to cover the costs of Covid-19 safety measures for the Borough by-election, Town and Parish by-elections and Neighbourhood Planning Referendums (NPRs) taking place on Thursday 6 May 2021.
Environment & Communities	2021/22	Phase 2 of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	604	Decarbonisation of heating system at Macclesfield Town Hall Air source heat pump (air to water).
Total Grants £1m or Below			5,581	

Table B - For recommendation to Council - Supplementary Estimates over £1,000,000

Committee		Type of Grant	£000	Details
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Covid-19 Business Rates Reliefs 2021/22 (Specific Purpose)	15,983	HM Treasury announced a new business rates relief fund worth £1.5 billion for businesses affected by COVID-19 that have been unable to benefit from the existing reliefs package for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses.
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Covid-19 Local Authority Support Grant (General Purpose)	8,508	Funding to manage the immediate and long-term impacts of the pandemic.
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Covid-19 Additional Restrictions Grant Top-up Allocation (Specific Purpose)	3,405	Supports businesses that are not covered by other grant schemes or where additional funding is needed.
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Covid-19 Council Tax Support Scheme (Specific Purpose)	3,373	To enable councils to continue reducing council tax bills for those least able to pay, including households financially hard-hit by the pandemic.
Public Health	2020/21	COVID-19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund (Tranches 4-6) (Specific Purpose)	5,927	Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) for the Financial Year 2020/21.

Adults & Health	2021/22	Covid-19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund (Tranche 7) (Specific Purpose)	2,195	Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) for the Financial Year 2021/22.
Environment & Communities	2020/21	Rural Mobility Fund (Specific Purpose)	1,260	The Rural Mobility Fund is part of the government's better deal for bus users. The primary objective of the fund is to trial demand-responsive transport solutions in providing transport services which work better for local residents of rural and suburban areas.
Total Grants over £1m Recommendation to Council			40,651	

Table C – Urgent Decisions already made for noting

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Adults & Health Children & Families	2020/21	Covid-19 Workforce Capacity (Specific Purpose)	686 39	The new £120 million funding will help local authorities to boost staffing levels, a direct ask of the sector. The funding can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide additional care staff where shortages arise • support administrative tasks so experienced and skilled staff can focus on providing care help existing staff to take on additional hours if they wish with overtime payments or by covering childcare costs.
Adults & Health	2020/21	Covid-19 Rapid Testing Fund (Specific Purpose)	1,361	This grant is ringfenced for lateral flow device testing in adult social care. Local authorities will be required to pass on 80% of the funding to care homes on a per beds basis, with 20% used at the local authorities discretion to support the care sector in delivering additional lateral flow device testing.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Adults & Health	2020/21	Covid-19 Shielding Grant for the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Cohort (Specific Purpose)	844	This funding has been allocated to Cheshire East to support our residents throughout that period, who have registered on the National Shielding Service System (NSSS) as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV). The funding will be spent on contacting CEVs, triaging individuals' needs, and providing support via connection with community groups (Dec-Mar 2021).
Corporate Policy	2020/21	Covid-19 Local Restrictions Grant (Specific Purpose)	10,247	Additional Restrictions Support as part of the wider set of measures to support the nation's economy and its businesses in response to Coronavirus (Covid-19).
Corporate Policy	2021/22	Covid-19 Business Restart Grants (Specific Purpose)	21,295	Urgent Decision made by Chief Executive. The new 'Restart Grants' will offer hospitality, hotels, gyms, hair and beauty salons up to £18,000 per premises, allocated based on the rateable value of the property. Local councils will distribute the grants.
Adults & Health	2021/22	Covid-19 Infection control measures and rapid testing (Specific Purpose)	3,028	Urgent Decision made by Chief Executive. Funding for adult social care to enable the continuation of rigorous infection prevention control measures and to support rapid testing to keep staff and residents safe in day care, respite care, care homes and other community care settings.
Economy & Growth	2020/21	Covid-19 Towns Fund Initial Capacity Funding (Specific Purpose)	40	June Council. Towns Fund Capacity Grant for Crewe - £40,000 of capacity funding to support the development of the business case over the next 12 months. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government require, over the next 12 months, that the Council and the Town Board provide detailed business cases for projects identified in its initial submission for the Towns Fund on 29 th January 2021.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children & Families	2020/21 2021/22	Covid-19 Local Support Grant (General Purpose) and Holiday Activities and Food Grant (Specific Purpose)	1,089	Extended Winter Grant now renamed, Covid Local Support Grant in recognition that "some restrictions on the economy continue". Holiday Activities and Food grant funding made available to local authorities to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities. The programme will cover the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021.
Children & Families	2021/22	Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Housing Grant (Specific Purpose)	648	June Council. The grant only covers revenue expenditure relating to the functions set out in the new statutory duty (within the Domestic Abuse Bill) on Tier 1 Local Authorities relating to the provision of support to victims of domestic abuse and their children residing within safe accommodation.
Children & Families	2020/21	Covid-19 Additional Dedicated Home to School and College Transport (Specific Purpose)	589	The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local transport authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in respect of the provision of the additional transport capacity for both Home to School and Further Education colleges.
Children & Families	2021/22	Covid-19 Additional Dedicated Home to School and College Transport (Specific Purpose)	26	June Council. The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local transport authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in respect of the provision of the additional transport capacity for both Home to School and Further Education colleges.

Committee	Year	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Children & Families	2021/22	Wellbeing for Education Recovery (General Purpose)	48	This Grant is to build on the previous Wellbeing for Education Return project, offering further support to local schools and colleges to better meet the wellbeing and mental health needs of their pupils and students into this recovery period.
Children & Families	2021/22	Staying Put Implementation (General Purpose)	113	The purpose of the grant is to provide support for local authorities in England for expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them, in respect of a young person aged 18 and their former foster carer, who wish to continue living together in a 'Staying Put' arrangement. For the purposes of this grant 'young person' means a former relevant child who was looked after immediately prior to their 18 th birthday. This supported arrangement can continue until the young person's 21 st birthday.
Adults & Health	2020/21 2021/22	Covid-19 Community Testing (Specific Purpose)	119 237	Funding for Community Testing in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
Decisions Already Made			40,409	

COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH OCTOBER 2021**GROUP OUTTURN 2020-21****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve:

- (a) supplementary capital estimates over £1,000,000 in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules as detailed in Appendix 3, Annex D attached; and**
 - (b) fully-funded supplementary revenue estimates over £1,000,000 in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules as detailed in Appendix 2, Table 1 attached.**
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Extract from the Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting on 22nd September 2021

23 GROUP OUTTURN 2020-21

The Sub-Committee considered the Group Outturn report for 2020-21.

Before considering the report, the Chair drew members' attention to page 44 in which the Director of Finance and Customer Services, Alex Thompson, had expressed his thanks to officers, services and organisations for their support and expertise throughout the 2020/21 financial year. The Chair wished to place on record her own thanks, and those of the Sub-Committee, not only to those mentioned in the report but also to Mr Thompson himself.

The report outlined how the Council had managed its resources during the 2020/21 Financial Year. It included a narrative from the Council's Draft Group Accounts, to highlight financial performance within the year, as well as associated appendices to show how the Council had achieved against the outcomes contained within the Corporate Plan as well as other important financial matters.

The Outturn was reported as part of the Statutory Accounts and was therefore subject to audit. The audited Accounts would be presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on 25th November 2021.

In response to questions from members, the Director of Finance and Customer Services advised that:

- Officers had reported to the Children and Families Committee on the continuing overspend on children's services and some of the reasons underlying that overspend, and this issue would continue to be a feature of future financial reporting.

- The fact that there had been significant underspends in other areas, arising from the need to address the Covid pandemic, had enabled the Council to increase its general and earmarked reserves. This included £5m of unringfenced Covid grant which had been carried forward into the current financial year as an earmarked reserve for use in relation to Covid-related expenditure.
- Expenditure on Covid-related areas in the current financial year would continue to be reported to the Government through the Delta returns and a link to the relevant financial information would be provided to members.
- At the present time, all Covid-related expenditure by the Council had been met from Government grant funding and it had not been necessary so far to draw on funds from the General Reserve.

RESOLVED

That the Sub-Committee:

1. notes the contents of the report and each appendix;
2. approves Supplementary Capital Estimates up to and including £1,000,000 and Capital Virements up to and including £5,000,000 in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules as detailed in Appendix 3, Annex C to the report; and
3. **recommends to Council to approve:**
 - (a) **supplementary capital estimates over £1,000,000 in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules as detailed in Appendix 3, Annex D; and**
 - (b) **fully-funded supplementary revenue estimates over £1,000,000 in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules as detailed in Appendix 2, Table 1.**

[Note: Appendices 2 and 3 of the report to the Finance Sub-Committee are attached.]

Appendix 2

Corporate Grants Register

Government Grant Funding of Local Expenditure

1. Cheshire East Council receives two main types of Government grants; specific use grants and general purpose grants. The overall total of Government grant budgeted for in 2020/21 was £254.8m.
2. In 2020/21 Cheshire East Council's specific use grants held within the services was budgeted to be £233.2m based on Government announcements to February 2020. This figure was revised up at mid-year to £241.1m (an increase of £7.9m). At third quarter, this figure was revised up again to £257.7m (an increase of £16.6m on mid-year).
3. The last quarter has seen a increase in specific use grant of £19.5m. £4.9m compensation for sales, fees and charges has now been allocated to directly to services and the Winter grant £0.9m has also transferred from general purpose grants to Children and Families. The remaining increase is mostly due to an increase in Housing Benefit Subsidy £7.9m and additional COVID-19 funding for various specific activities.
4. Spending in relation to specific use grants must be in line with the purpose for which it is provided.
5. In the Chancellors Budget on 11th March, two business grant schemes were announced to provide support for businesses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. The Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF) is payable to small businesses – essentially those who are currently eligible for Small Business Rate Relief (SBRR) and Rural Rate Relief (RRR). The amount was increased from £3,000 in the Budget to £10,000 in the Chancellor's statement on 17th March.
7. The Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant (RHLG) is payable to smaller businesses in this sector, with £10,000 for businesses with rateable values of less than £15,000, and £25,000 for those with rateable values between £15,000 and £51,000 (i.e. those on the Small Business Rate Multiplier).
8. At the beginning of April, Cheshire East was paid £95.5m to passport directly to eligible businesses and by the end of August there had been payments made of £91.7m. The scheme officially closed at the end of August 2020 and any unspent grant will be repaid to central government.
9. Since August, further payments totalling £43.1m have been paid to Cheshire East to support businesses during national lockdown periods.
10. General purpose grants were budgeted to be £21.6m. Further in-year grant announcements have increased the amount received to £78.9m.
11. The COVID-19 pandemic has seen additional financial support issued by Central Government.
12. The Government announced in the Budget on 29th October 2018 that it would provide a Business Rates Retail Discount, to apply in the years 2019/20 and 2020/21. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, in the Budget on 11th March the

Government announced that it would increase the discount to 100% and extend it to include the leisure and hospitality sectors. Following the announcement on 23rd March 2020 of further measures to limit the spread of Coronavirus, the Government confirmed that some of the exclusions for this relief have been removed, so that retail, leisure, and hospitality properties that will have had to close as a result of the restriction measures were also eligible for the relief.

13. The estimated full cost for this additional relief for Cheshire East was £58.8m. Usually, local authorities would only be paid their Business Rates Retention share (49%) of any new burdens measures, but in this instance 100% of the funding is being paid to councils to help with cash flow shortfalls. A further payment of £1.8m relating to COVID-19 Additional Business Rates Relief was received on the 20th November.
14. At the end of the financial year, following a detailed reconciliation, the share relating to MHCLG (50%) will be repaid to Government. This share is £30.4m, reducing the value of the grant received in the final quarter to reflect the net amount received.
15. Business Rates 'Tax Loss Compensation grants' of £9.2m have also been received during 2020/21. This grant reimburses the Council for providing extra discounts to businesses in line with government guidance. £4.2m of the grant is required to fund services and is included as part of the revenue budget approved in February 2020. The remaining amount will be transferred to the Collection Fund Management earmarked reserve at year end in accordance with the Reserves Strategy.
16. £3.3m compensation from the Tax Income Guarantee Scheme has been received. In December 2020, MHCLG announced that they would cover "75% of irrecoverable losses" associated with the reductions in local taxations for Council Tax and

Business rates due to COVID-19. However after the calculations have been made, this was more like 50% of the deficits for each collection fund account. The income has been credited directly to the Collection Fund Earmarked Reserve to help offset the deficit balances that will be funded from this reserve.

17. Where additional non-ringfenced grant funding is received, services wishing to increase their expenditure budgets are required by Finance Procedure Rules to seek approval to use this additional funding.
18. Approval for additional general purpose grants received during the final quarter of 2020/21 has mainly taken place in earlier committee reports. **Table 1** contains the final 2020/21 request for the Tax Loss Compensation scheme.
19. There are also service requests relating to 2021/22 in **Table 1**. These requests increase budget expenditure in Childrens and Families by £886,815, Adults by £2,299,699, Place Directorate by £349,638 and Corporate Directorate by £1,823.
20. Net additional general purpose grant of £57.3m has been received during the year, with £1.5m being allocated direct to services. After allowing for the transfer of £43.6m to earmarked reserves, the net outturn variance is a £12.2m improvement against budget.
21. **Table 2** and **Table 3** below provides a summary of the updated budget position for grants in 2020/21 by type and service. Further details of grants are shown in the Statement of Accounts.

Table 1 – Requests for Allocation of Additional Grant Funding

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Corporate Policy	COVID-19 Tax Income Guarantee Scheme (Specific Purpose)	3,298	New guarantee scheme for 75% of 2020-21 irrecoverable local tax losses, worth an estimated £800 million nationally.
Total Allocation 2020/21 Council Approval		3,298	
Adults & Health	COVID-19 Infection control measures and rapid testing (Specific Purpose)	2,257	The government has announced that it is extending funding to control infections and carry out COVID-19 testing in the adult social care sector.
Total Allocation 2021/22 Council Approval		2,257	
Children & Families	COVID-19 Local Support Grant (Specific Purpose)	829	The Government's COVID-19 Local Support Grant provides funding through local authorities for families who need help paying for food and utilities, has been extended until the end of September.
Children & Families	Extension of the role of Virtual School Heads (General Purpose)	58	The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England, to help them meet their duty to appoint a Virtual School Head for previously looked-after children and make information and advice available to the following parties for the purposes of promoting the education of eligible previously looked-after children.
Adults & Health	Independent Living (General Purpose)	43	To increase the funding allocated to the service to cover the cost of the payments made to clients for the ILF, increasing it to the level of the actual 2021/22 grant, the value of the grant is £43k higher than the planned budget value.

Committee	Type of Grant	£000	Details
Economy & Growth	Homelessness Domestic Abuse New Burdens (General Purpose)	9	Delivery of statutory homelessness duties in respect of victims of domestic abuse, as set out in the Housing Act 1996 and Homelessness (Priority need for Accommodation) (England) Order 2002, as amended by the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
Environment & Communities	Neighbourhood Planning Grant for Local Planning Authorities (General Purpose)	70	The conditions of the grant mean that this funding could be used across the wider Spatial Planning area. This level of funding would be intended to support a number of Community Neighbourhood Plans across the borough.
Highways & Transport	Bus Service Improvement Plan (Specific Purpose)	100	£100,000 has been made available from the Government for each LTA to support with the development of Bus Service Improvement Plans, Cheshire East has been granted access to this funding in full and has partially used it to produce a BSIP in advance of the end of October 2021 deadline. The BSIP will be implemented using funding provided by the long-term funding commitments of the National Bus Strategy and the COVID-19 Bus Services Support Grant (CBSSG).
Highways & Transport	Local Authority Capability Fund (Specific Purpose)	171	The grant is awarded to enable the authority to deliver the objectives as set out in the Capability Fund bid. The Local Authority Capability Fund supports the commitment made in Gear Change, the Prime Minister's Cycling and Walking Plan, in July 2020, to increase the capabilities of local authorities to plan good active travel infrastructure, including building more expertise and undertaking more evidence-based planning.
Corporate Policy	Breathing Spaces (Debt Respite Scheme) (General Purpose)	2	The Debt Respite Scheme (Breathing Space) will give someone in problem debt the right to legal protections from their creditors.
Total Allocation 2021/22 £1m or below		1,282	
Total		6,837	

Table 2 – Corporate Grants Register (Summary)

	Original Budget	Revised Forecast MYR	Revised Forecast TQR	Final Outturn	Change from TQR
	2020/21 £m	2020/21 £m	2020/21 £m	2020/21 £m	2020/21 £m
SPECIFIC USE					
Held within Services	233.2	241.1	257.7	277.2	19.5
GENERAL PURPOSE					
Business Support Grant	0.0	95.5	116.3	138.6	22.3
Service Funding:					
People - Childrens and Families	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.0
People - Adult Social Care and Health	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	0.0
Place	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Corporate	12.8	14.9	14.9	15.0	0.1
Central Items	0.0	81.2	92.5	54.3	(38.2)
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE	21.6	201.1	233.3	217.5	(15.8)
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING	254.8	442.2	491.0	494.7	3.7

Table 3 – Corporate Grants Register (Detail)

Corporate Grants Register 2020/21	Original Budget 2020/21 £000	Revised Forecast MYR 2020/21 £000	Revised Forecast TQR 2020/21 £000	Final Outturn 2020/21 £000	Change from TQR 2020/21 £000
SPECIFIC USE (Held within Services)					
PEOPLE					
Schools ¹	151,887	150,383	150,555	151,113	558
Children and Families	1,759	2,021	2,019	3,421	1,402
Adult Social Care	12,637	18,284	29,708	26,138	(3,570)
Public Health	15,967	18,291	21,364	27,409	6,045
Total	182,250	188,979	203,646	208,081	4,435
PLACE					
Growth and Enterprise	263	1,572	1,506	1,445	(61)
Environment and Neighbourhood Services	0	0	159	2,010	1,851
Highways and Infrastructure	0	336	1,340	5,630	4,290
Directorate	787	1,561	2,047	1,912	(135)
Total	1,050	3,469	5,052	10,997	5,945
CORPORATE					
Finance and Customer Services	49,878	48,618	48,964	57,813	8,849
Governance and Compliance Services	0	0	0	325	325
Total	49,878	48,618	48,964	58,138	9,174
TOTAL SPECIFIC USE	233,178	241,066	257,661	277,216	19,555

Corporate Grants Register 2020/21		Original Budget 2020/21 £000	Revised Forecast MYR 2020/21 £000	Revised Forecast TQR 2020/21 £000	Final Outturn 2020/21 £000	Change from TQR 2020/21 £000
GENERAL PURPOSE (Held Corporately)						
Central Funding						
Business Support Grant		0	95,514	116,307	138,611	22,304
People - Children and Families						
Staying Put Implementation Grant		0	113	113	113	0
Extended Rights to Free Transport (Home to School Transport)		0	201	201	201	0
Extended Personal Adviser Duty Implementation		0	42	42	42	0
Extension of the role of Virtual School Heads		0	0	61	61	0
Domestic Abuse Duty Capacity Building Fund		0	0	50	50	0
People - Adult Social Care and Health						
Social Care Support Grant		7,616	7,616	7,616	7,616	0
Independent Living Fund		818	861	861	861	0
Local Reform & Community Voices, Social Care in Prisons and War Pension Scheme Disregard		340	340	340	340	0
Place						
Neighbourhood Planning Grant for Local Planning Authorities		0	100	100	160	60
Homelessness Reduction Act		0	116	116	116	0
Mobile Homes Fit and Proper Person Test		0	0	0	1	1
Letting Agents Transparency & Redress Schemes		0	1	1	1	0
Environmental Service Feasibility Study (NW Local Energy Hub)		0	67	67	67	0

Corporate Grants Register 2020/21	Original Budget 2020/21 £000	Revised Forecast MYR 2020/21 £000	Revised Forecast TQR 2020/21 £000	Final Outturn 2020/21 £000	Change from TQR 2020/21 £000
Corporate					
Housing Benefit and Council Tax Administration	1,027	1,022	1,022	1,022	0
NNDR Administration Allowance	571	571	571	571	0
Council Tax Family Annex Discount	0	0	0	20	20
New Homes Bonus	11,193	11,193	11,193	11,193	0
Individual Electoral Registration	0	34	34	34	0
Individual Electoral Registration (additional)	0	0	0	93	93
Local Government Transparency Code - New Burdens	0	0	0	13	13
COVID-19 Council Tax Hardship Fund	0	2,063	2,063	2,063	0
Central Items					
COVID-19 Additional Business Rates Reliefs payments for 2020/21	0	58,786	60,561	30,134	(30,427)
COVID-19 Compensation for Sales, Fees and Charges Income	0	0	6,100	0	(6,100)
COVID-19 Emergency Funding (Tranche 2)	0	10,539	10,539	10,539	(0)
COVID-19 Emergency Funding (Tranche 3)	0	2,711	2,711	2,711	(0)
COVID-19 Emergency Funding (Tranche 4)	0	0	2,578	2,578	0
COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme	0	0	880	0	(880)
Business Rates Reliefs Grant 2020/21	0	4,988	4,988	4,988	0
Business Rates Reliefs Grant 2020/21	0	4,200	4,200	0	(4,200)
Tax Income Guarantee Scheme: Compensation for Business Rates Losses	0	0	0	2,223	2,223
Tax Income Guarantee Scheme: Compensation for Council Tax Losses	0	0	0	1,074	1,074
Total Service Funding	21,565	105,563	117,006	78,885	(38,121)
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE	21,565	201,077	233,313	217,496	(15,817)
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING	254,743	442,143	490,975	494,712	3,737

Notes

- 1 The Dedicated Schools Grant, Pupil Premium Grant, Sixth Form Grant and Other School Specific Grant from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) figures are based on actual anticipated allocations. Changes are for in-year increases/decreases to allocations by the DfE and conversions to academy status.
- 2 SRE - Supplementary Revenue Estimate requested by relevant service.
- 3 ODR - Officer Decision Record to approve immediate budget change to relevant service.
- 4 Reserves - transfer to reserves at year end.
- 5 Balances - amount will be included as a variance to budget.

Appendix 3

Capital Outturn and Requests for Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements

Update on Capital Programme

- 2.1 Since the Third Quarter Review the Capital Programme has increased by £7.5m for the next three-year period.
- 2.2 One of the main changes are the increase in additional grant allocations that have been received since the Medium-Term Financial Strategy was approved in February 2021, within Children and Families we have received Basic Need Grant (2022/23) of £5.3m, High Needs Funding of £1.2m and £0.9m School Condition Grant. Within the Place Directorate we have received £5.8m Pothole funding, Green Homes Grant of £2.1m and £0.6m Active Travel Grant. There are also a small number of Supplementary Capital Estimates listed in Annex **B** to this report.
- 2.3 There have also been a considerable number of Supplementary Capital Estimates that have been approved within the last quarter. The increase totals £20.9m and the two most notable ones are the Future High Street funding of £15.7m and the Green Homes Grant £1.7m which is in addition to the £2.1m that requires approval at Outturn.
- 2.4 As part of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, £34.7m of the Middlewich Eastern Bypass budget has been transferred to the Addendum whilst the Council awaits full programme entry for the scheme within the Department of Transport's major projects programme. There was also a transfer from the Addendum to the main programme of £2.4m for the Safer Roads scheme on the A537 as the grant funding has now been received by the Council.
- 2.5 Other transfers that have been agreed to move to the main programme are £.08m for the Tatton Investment Programme, £0.4m for the Macclesfield Town Centre Public Realm project and £0.06m for Middlewich Leisure Centre. **Table 1** shows the movements in the last quarter.

Table 1: Summary Capital Programme

Directorate	TQR Budget 2020/24 £m	SCE's / Virements in Quarter 2020/24 £m	Transfers to/from Addendum 2020/24 £m	Budget Reductions at Outturn 2020/24 £m	SCE's at Outturn 2020/24 £m	Revised Outturn Budget 2020/24 £m
People	49.4	-	-	-	9.5	58.9
Place	389.2	20.9	(31.0)	(1.5)	9.5	387.1
Corporate	57.6	-	-	-	0.1	57.7
	496.2	20.9	(31.0)	(1.5)	19.1	503.7

- 2.6 The revised programme is funded from both direct income (grants, external contributions) and the Council's own resources (prudential borrowing, revenue contributions, capital reserve).
- 2.7 The final Outturn position as the 31st March 2020 showed total capital expenditure of £105.2m against a Third Quarter forecast position of £136.4m. The slippage of £31.2m has been re-profiled into future years as shown in **Annex A**.
- 2.8 **Annex B** details requests of Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCE) up to and including £500,000 and Capital Virements up to and including £1,000,000 approved by delegated decision which are included for noting purposes only.
- 2.9 **Annex C** details requests of Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCE) up to and including £1,000,000 and Capital Virements up to and including £5,000,000 to be approved by Finance Sub Committee. This includes two Supplementary Capital Estimates for £0.9m additional School Condition Grant for 2021/22 and the second tranche of the Active Travel Fund (COVID 19), £0.6m.
- 2.10 **Annex D** details requests of Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCE) over £1,000,000 to be approved by full Council. There are five Supplementary Capital Estimates to be approved, £1.2m funding received for High Needs Provision within the Education Service, £2.9m of Basic Need grant that is being replenished by S106 contributions that have now been received by the Council. There is also the 2022/23 Basic Needs Allocation of £5.3m that has not been previously recognised in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy. Within the Place Directorate there is the £5.8m Pothole Funding and the £2.1m additional Green Homes funding.
- 2.11 **Annex E** lists details of reductions in Approved Budgets where schemes are completed, and surpluses can now be removed. These are for noting purposes only.
- 2.12 **Table 2: Revised Addendum Programme**

	Budget 2020/21 £000	Budget 2021/22 £000	Budget 2022/23 £000	Budget 2023/24 £000	Total Budget 2020/24 £000
Addendum					
People	5,931	11,700	9,900	4,700	32,231
Place	12,101	48,121	35,831	71,752	167,805
Corporate	4,258	35,262	35,276	54,905	129,701
Total Addendum	22,290	95,083	81,006	131,357	329,737

- 2.13 **Annex F** shows the movements from and to the Capital Addendum since the Medium-Term Financial Strategy was approved in February 2021.

Annex A:

Revised Capital Programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL CAPITAL PROGRAMME SUMMARY				
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 - 2022/23				
	Actual 2020/21 £000	Forecast 2021/22 £000	Forecast 2022/23 £000	Total Forecast 2020-23 £000
Committed Schemes - In Progress				
People	6,677	23,045	26,225	55,947
Place	69,094	131,258	122,047	322,399
Corporate	13,586	11,576	22,695	47,857
Total Committed Schemes - In Progress	89,357	165,879	170,967	426,203
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 - 2022/23				
	Actual 2020/21 £000	Forecast 2021/22 £000	Forecast 2022/23 £000	Total Forecast 2020-23 £000
New Schemes				
People	92	2,136	750	2,978
Place	7,339	25,233	32,087	64,659
Corporate	8,419	903	540	9,862
Total New Schemes	15,850	28,272	33,377	77,499
Total	105,207	194,151	204,344	503,702

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL CAPITAL PROGRAMME SUMMARY

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 - 2022/23

	Actual 2020/21 £000	Forecast 2021/22 £000	Forecast 2022/23 £000	Total Forecast 2020-23 £000
Funding Requirement				
Indicative Funding Analysis: (See note 1)				
Government Grants	46,645	108,803	89,657	245,105
External Contributions	9,636	24,478	36,881	70,995
Revenue Contributions	489	776	0	1,265
Capital Receipts	2,586	1,000	1,000	4,586
Prudential Borrowing (See note 2)	45,851	59,094	76,806	181,751
Total	105,207	194,151	204,344	503,702

Note 1:

The funding requirement identified in the above table represents a balanced and affordable position, in the medium term. The Council will attempt to maximise external resources such as grants and external contributions in the first instance to fund the capital programme. Where the Council resources are required the preference will be to utilise capital receipts from asset disposals. The forecast for capital receipts over the next two years 2021/22-23 assumes a prudent approach based on the work of the Asset Management team and their most recently updated Disposals Programme.

Note 2:

Appropriate charges to the revenue budget will only commence in the year following the completion of the associated capital asset. This allows the Council to constantly review the most cost effective way of funding capital expenditure.

Annex B:

Delegated Decision - Requests for Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCEs) and Virements

Service / Capital Scheme	Amount Requested £	Reason and Funding Source
Summary of Supplementary Capital Estimates and Capital Virements		
Supplementary Capital Estimates that have been made up to £500,000		
Highways and Infrastructure		
M6 Junction 19	9,557	To increase the budget in line with the level of income invoiced for design check and inspection fees of the Highways England scheme at M6 J19 for which a Section 4 agreement
Middlewich Southern Link and Clive Green Lane Upgrad	10,137	To add additional contribution from Cheshire West & Chester Borough Council to the budget of £2,657 and additional revenue contribution of £7,480 to increase Cheshire East's contribution to match
Traffic Signals Maintenance Funding	500,000	New grant allocation from the Department of Transport for traffic signal maintenance work in the borough.
S106s		
Morrisons, Middlewich Bus Stop	596.38	To bring the extra S106 balance in to the programme to fund expenditure.
M'wich Rd Elworth Ped Crossing	784.78	
S106 Booth Lane, Bus Stops	4,442.14	
S106 Middlewich Bus Stops x2	1,400	
Growth and Enterprise		
Crewe Town Centre Regeneration	15,000	Contribution from Arriva for Crewe Bus Station works.
Crprate Lndlrđ - Operational	5,000	Revenue Contribution for the cost of the Concerto system.
Warm Homes Fund	31,665	The Warmer Homes Grant allocation to the Council which was reduced at Mid Year Review from £0.417m to £0.207m in line with the revised grant allocation. The final amount of grant that we will receive is now £239,080, a slight increase in what was then anticipated.
Schools Capital Maintenance	92,000	Schools Contributions to the Facilities Management Schools Condition Programme for 2021/22
Transformation Services		
Elections Management System	6,888	Revenue contribution to increase budget to cover additional expenditure.
Infrastructure Investment Programme (IIP)	101,503	Budget brought forward from the approved MTFS 21-25
Total Supplementary Capital Estimates Requested	778,973	

Service / Capital Scheme	Amount Requested £	Reason and Funding Source
Capital Budget Virements that have been made up to £1,000,000		
Education and 14-19 Skills		
Elworth CofE Primary School - Basic Need Scheme	300,000	Virement from Nantwich Planning Area Block allocation
Malbank High School Basic Need Scheme	400,000	Virement from Nantwich Planning Area Block allocation
Pupil Referral Unit	221,651	Virement from Basic Need £174k) Healthy Pupils fund (£38k) and School Condition Grant (£9k) to fund overspend on the project.
Wilmslow High School	246,349	Virement from School Condition Grant funded School Managed Schemes from 2018/19 & 2020/21 as agreed with the school to amalgamate into the major Basic Need project.
The Dingle	25,000	Virement from High Needs/SEN Grant
Highways, Infrastructure & Transport		
Highway Maintenance Minor Wks	181,096	Virements within the Local Transport Programme, virements from grant funded Capital Condition Project and Local Area Programme
Bridge Maintenance Minor Wks	21,398	Virements within the Local Transport Programme, virements from grant funded Local Area Programme
Surface Water Mgt Schemes	289	Virements within the Local Transport Programme, virements from grant funded Flooding and Weather Events project.
S106 H Chpl Rd Bus Stops	4,434	Delivered as part of the STEPS programme, so that additional funding for this project has been vired from the Accessibility Public Transport budget
S106 Booth Lane, Bus Stops	1,832	Virement from the Accessibility Public Transport budget for the additional expenditure for the Bus Stops.
Morrisons, Middlewich Bus Stop	1,896	
S106 Rope Lane Ped Crossing	426	Virement from the Road Safety Schemes Minor Works budget for the additional expenditure covered by Department for Transport grant funding.
Growth and Enterprise		
Schools Capital Maintenance	828,000	Virement from the School Condition Grant to fund to the Facilities Management School Condition Programme in 2021/22
Environment and Neighbourhood Services		
Organic Waste Treatment Plant	45,409	Virement from the Energy Improvements at Cledford Lane project to Organic Waste Treatment Plant to ensure that the overspend is fully-funded.
Armistead Way Play Area Improvements	625	Virement from the Parks Development Fund project to Armistead Way Play Area to ensure that the overspend is fully-funded.
Total Capital Budget Virements Approved	2,278,405	
Total Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements	3,057,378	

Annex C:

Delegated Decision - Requests for Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCEs) and Virements

Service / Capital Scheme	Amount Requested £	Reason and Funding Source
Finance Sub Committee are asked to approve the Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements		
Supplementary Capital Estimates above £500,000 up to and including £1,000,000		
Education and 14-19 Skills		
School Condition Allocation	936,822	Additional Grant received from the Department of Education for 2021/22
Highways and Infrastructure		
Active Travel Fund (Covid-19)	588,625	Tranche 2 of Active Travel Covid 19 Fund
Total Supplementary Capital Estimates Requested	1,525,447	
Total Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements	1,525,447	

Annex D: Requests for Supplementary Capital Estimates (SCEs) and Virements

Service	Amount Requested	Reason and Funding Source
£		
Supplementary Capital Estimates over £1,000,000		
Education and 14-19 Skills		
SEN/High Needs Capital Allocation	1,263,815	Additional Grant Received from the DfE to fund SEN/High Needs Provision
Future Years Basic Need Allocation	2,919,127	Replenish Basic Need budget with S106 funds that have now been received by the Council
Future Years Basic Need Allocation	5,276,834	Basic Need Allocation for 2022/23
Highways and Infrastructure		
Pothole fund	5,799,000	Department for Transport Pothole fund allocated that is being used to fund our Road Repair programme this year.
Growth and Enterprise		
Green Homes Grant	2,135,885	Additional grant of £2,135,885, for the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme, to improve energy efficiency and install low carbon heating systems in housing across Cheshire East. A total fund of £6,407,655 has been paid by the North West Energy Hub to Warrington Borough Council who are the accountable body for the scheme on behalf of Cheshire and Warrington; one-third of the funding is to be paid to Cheshire East.
Total Supplementary Capital Estimates Requested	17,394,661	
Total Supplementary Capital Estimates and Virements	17,394,661	

Annex E: Capital Budget Reductions

Service / Capital Scheme	Approved Budget £	Revised Approval £	Reduction £	Reason and Funding Source
Finance Sub Committee are asked to note the reductions in Approved Budgets				
Education and 14-19 Skills				
Shavington High School	2,622,848	2,510,061	112,787	Project now complete.
S278s				
All S278 Schemes	2,990,015	1,520,625	1,469,390	S278 schemes will no longer be reported as part of the capital programme, since moving to the Unit 4 Finance system, these have been set up as Revenue projects. All of these projects are fully funded by Developer contributions.
Environment and Neighbourhood Services				
Victoria Mill Drive, Willaston: Open Space Improvements	34,098	30,043	4,055	Project now complete.
	5,646,961	4,060,729	1,586,232	

Annex F:

Transfers From and to the Capital Addendum

Service / Capital Scheme	Amount Transferred Outturn £	Reason / Comment
Budgets Transferred from the Addendum to the Main Capital Programme		
Highways and Infrastructure		
Safer Roads Scheme A537	(2,490,000)	Transferred to the current programme, grant funding received.
Growth and Enterprise		
Macclesfield Town Centre Regeneration Phased Public Realm Enhancement Programme	(400,000)	Approval obtained to transfer from Addendum.
Tatton Park Investment	(762,000)	Approval obtained to transfer from Addendum.
Environment and Neighbourhood Services		
Middlewich Leisure Centre	(60,000)	Transfer of £60k to create a Middlewich Leisure Centre capital programme item from the Everybody Sport and Leisure 5 Towns Investment Programme on the addendum.
Total Budgets Transferred to Main Capital Programme	(3,712,000)	
Capital Budgets transferred from the Main capital Programme to the Addendum		
Highways and Infrastructure		
Middlewich Eastern Bypass	34,735,635	Transferred to Addendum in line with MTFS 21-25
Total Capital Budget Transferred to the Addendum	34,735,635	
Net Change to the Addendum	31,023,635	



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Date of Meeting:	20 October 2021
Report Title:	Appointment of Vice Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee
Report of:	David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance
Ward(s) Affected:	All

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. Council is asked to appoint a Vice Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That a Vice Chair be appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1. The Council's Constitution provides that the appointment of a Vice Chair is a function reserved to Council.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1. Not applicable

5. Background

- 5.1. Council, at its meeting on 4 May 2021, agreed that the position of Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee be allocated to the Independent Group and approved the appointment of Councillor Toni Fox to this position.
- 5.2. Following the resignation of Councillor Toni Fox on 30 June 2021, Council is required to appoint a Vice Chair to the Audit and Governance Committee
- 5.3. The Independent Group have nominated Councillor David Marren to be the Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee.

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- 5.4** The Audit and Governance Committee, at its meeting on 30 September 2021, agreed the pro tempore appointment of Councillor David Marren as Vice Chair until the formal appointment can be made by Council.

6. Implications

6.1. Legal

- 6.1.1.** The Council Constitution, in Chapter 2- Part 3 Functions of full Council, states at paragraph 1.4.4 “that Council will appoint to such other offices and/or positions as may be required under this Constitution or by law” and at paragraph 1.9.3 “will agree the allocation of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to those bodies.”

6.2. Finance

- 6.2.1.** There are no financial implications as the Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee does not receive a special responsibility allowance.

6.3. Policy

- 6.3.1.** There are no policy implications.

6.4. Equality

- 6.4.1.** There are no equality implications.

6.5. Human Resources

- 6.5.1.** There are no human resources implications.

6.6. Risk Management

- 6.6.1.** The role of a vice chair is to provide support to the Chair, support the Chair at meetings and to be able to stand in for the Chair in their absence.

6.7. Rural Communities

- 6.7.1.** There are no rural communities’ implications.

6.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children

- 6.8.1.** There are no implications for children and young people

6.9. Public Health

- 6.9.1.** There are no implications for Public Health.

6.10. Climate Change

- 6.10.1.** There are no climate change implications.

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Access to Information	
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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	1.Council's Constitution Cheshire East Council Constitution 2.Council Agenda and Minutes 4 May 2021 Agenda for Council on Tuesday, 4th May, 2021, 5.00 pm Cheshire East Council

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COUNCIL – 20 OCTOBER 2021**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Submitted to Council in Accordance with paragraph 1.30 to 1.34 of the Council Procedural Rules

1 Protect the Right of Communities to Object to Individual Planning Applications

Proposed by Councillor B Puddicombe and Seconded by Councillor C Bulman

This Council believes planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes; and therefore, calls on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications.

2 ‘Fire and Re-Hire’

Proposed by Councillor L Smith and Seconded by Councillor C Naismith

This Council notes;

- 1 1 in 10 workers have experienced ‘fire and rehire’ - told to reapply for their jobs on worse pay, terms and conditions or face the sack, with BME workers facing this at twice the rate of white workers, since March 2020 (TUC research, January 2021). A quarter of all workers have experienced a worsening of their terms and conditions – including a cut in their pay - since the pandemic began.
- 2 That while the prime minister has called the practice “unacceptable” he has continually refused to take action to outlaw the practice, raising concerns that he will not intervene in this race to the bottom as an escalating number of employers across all sectors using our weak employment protections employers as they force their staff to accept worse terms and conditions, leaving many having to work longer hours and for lower pay, with what can be devastating consequences for workers and their families.
- 3 Even before the pandemic, 1 in 9 workers – 3.8 million people – were already ‘insecure’, meaning they did not have access to basic rights at work and could be dismissed at will; including those on zero-hour contracts and agency workers.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Seek to ensure local residents are protected against such employers and agrees to ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister demanding he outlaw fire and rehire and act now to keep his promise to local residents to protect their employment terms and conditions.
- Not use fire and rehire itself as an employer and to prevent its use by council contractors, and to ensure the Council has a procurement

practice that ensures we are working with contractors that have good employment, trade union, equality and environmental records.

- Promote the increasing number of progressive local employers prioritising their employees' standard of living and their wellbeing, work with our anchor institutions and key partners to bring forward plans to ensure all have best practice employment and to work with recognised trade unions on this.
- Support the TUC campaign for a 'New Deal for Working People'.

3 Headquarters for Great British Railways

Proposed by Councillor J Clowes and Seconded by Councillor M Sewart

This Council engages directly with the Transport Secretary Grant Schapps and prioritises the submission of a competitive bid for Crewe to host the new headquarters for Great British Railways.

Cheshire East Council engages proactively with Crewe & Nantwich MP Dr Kieran Mullan, together with our regional and subregional transport partners, to enhance and strengthen this unique and iconic bid.

Background

- 1 *Great British Railways (GBR) was first commissioned in May 2021 as part of the Grant Schapps **Plan for Rail**, focused on delivering sweeping reforms that put customers (both passengers and freight) first.*
- 2 *On 4th October 2021 it was announced that a competition will be run to identify the headquarters for Great British Railways (GBR), the single, accountable public body responsible for running Britain's railways.*
- 3 *As part of major reforms designed to ensure decisions about the railway are brought closer to the passengers and communities they serve, GBR will require a new national headquarters alongside regional facilities.*
- 4 *The government will welcome expressions of interest with a commitment that the National Headquarters will be based outside London – ensuring skilled jobs, investment and economic benefits are focused outside the capital.*

The Cheshire East / Crewe Offer

- 5 *This invitation for competitive bids offers a unique opportunity for Cheshire East Council, as this government competition wants to specifically recognise towns and cities, with a rich railway history, that are strongly linked to the network and that will thus ensure the first headquarters will take pride of place at the heart of a new era for Britain's Railways.*
- 6 *Crewe with its iconic railway history, strategic location as "Gateway to the North" and its valuable 'hub and spoke' network links to the north, west and north midlands, as well as London, is well-placed to host the GBR Headquarters.*

- 7 *It is important to also recognise that the GBR Transition Team will be adopting a whole industry approach to tackling cost, promoting efficiency and establishing a strategic freight unit to boost the sector.*
- 8 *With HS2a already scheduled to arrive in Crewe, (initial groundworks and ecological mitigation works are already underway in the Borough) and the Hub station complex together with its extended freight capacity south of the current station, Crewe is once again well-placed to adhere to the Transition Team's operational brief.*

Harmonisation of Council and Government Core Goals

- 9 *GBR is defined by core goals that have important synergies with those of Cheshire East Council.*
- *"thinking like our customers, (both passengers and freight) and putting them first".*
 - *"Growing the network and getting more people travelling"*
 - *"Making the railways easier to use"*
 - *"Simplifying the sector to do things quicker, driving down costs and being more accountable"*
 - *"Having a can-do, not a can't do culture"*
 - *"Harnessing the best of the private sector"*
 - *"Playing a critical role in the national shift to net zero"*
- 10 *In the wider context of 'Levelling Up', HS2a, developing the Crewe Hub Station and the regeneration of Crewe, this provides an extraordinary opportunity for Cheshire East Council to bid to accommodate the GBR headquarters that offers significant benefits for both Government and Cheshire East alike – an opportunity we must not miss.*

References:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-competition-to-find-first-hq-of-great-british-railways>

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/search-on-for-great-british-railways-headquarters-05-10-2021/?tkn=1>

4 Starter Units

Proposed by Councillor A Kolker and Seconded by Councillor P Groves

This Council, in order to support the Borough's post-pandemic recovery, commits to providing a wide range of affordable rental units for small and micro business start-ups.

Background

Throughout Cheshire East, thousands of tiny businesses are operated from home.

In spare bedrooms, garages and garden sheds, small and micro businesses provide a living for our residents throughout the Borough – a phenomenon that has expanded during the pandemic.

Many of these businesses have ambitions to grow; to employ new staff and to provide a valuable contribution to the post-Covid economy. If these dreams are to be realised, it is essential that they have access to suitable accommodation.

Modern 'easy in / easy out' offices, workshops and meeting rooms, with fast broadband connections and adequate parking, as evidenced in other local authority areas such as Nottingham and Bristol, will create a community of innovation for the fledgling entrepreneur to flourish. If Cheshire East is to continue to prosper then we must explore, embrace and invest in this sector of the economy and provide good quality micro business accommodation.

References:

<https://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/starting-up/planning-your-business/finding-premises-for-your-start-up/>

<https://smallbusiness.co.uk/how-business-incubators-help-boost-growth-and-innovation-2471907/>

<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/how-well-do-you-know-your-microbusinesses#supporting-microbusinesses>

5 UK100 Pledge

Proposed by Councillor Q Abel and Seconded by Councillor R Fletcher

This Council makes the UK100 pledge and asks the relevant committee to determine whether Cheshire East Council should join the UK100 Network.

Membership Pledge

The people who live in the cities, towns and villages we serve deserve warm homes, secure and affordable energy, clean air and water, and local and seasonal food. They deserve access to thriving nature and healthy landscapes, and to live in a place they can be proud of.

As local leaders across the UK, we see the challenges our communities face. We recognise our responsibility to tackle the climate emergency and protect our environment to secure the future for them and for people around the world.

In 2019, the UK Parliament passed legislation to bring all greenhouse gas emissions to Net Zero by 2050. This was to keep in line with international commitment in the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. But science tells us we need to start now and make rapid reductions much sooner.

We will do everything within our power and influence to rapidly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We will bring our council emissions to Net Zero by 2030 and we will work with our residents and businesses to bring our wider communities' emissions in line with Net Zero as soon as possible (and by 2045* at the latest).*

We will continue to lead the UK's response to Net Zero, going ahead of the government goal and taking the first steps with urgency. We will make substantial progress within the next decade to deliver Net Zero. With greater powers, we would go further, faster. We will be bold and brave, carrying out

strong climate action now and building prosperous, secure and more resilient communities that are healthier, cleaner and safer, in ways that follow the science and are practical and achievable.

We pledge to assess our largest impacts on climate change, prioritise where action needs to be taken and measure and monitor progress towards targets. We will reduce our emissions at source and limit the use of carbon offsets as part of the global effort to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

As local leaders, we are uniquely placed to help tackle the climate emergency. We are closer to the people who live and work in our communities, so we have a better understanding of their needs. This means we can collaborate with them to build consensus for the solutions we need to transition to a Net Zero society that delivers multiple benefits and is fair, just and works for everyone.

We have come together from local authorities across the UK to share knowledge and collaborate with each other, with businesses and our residents to deliver action now. And we will also use our experience of our ability and achievements to advocate to the UK government in order to accelerate the transition to a Net Zero society.

As a nation, we have demonstrated throughout our history that we are able and willing to lead on finding solutions to the challenges the world faces. The success and prosperity of our nation has largely rested on our ability to harness the power of dirty fossil fuels. It is now our shared responsibility to turn this ingenuity to solving the climate emergency in a way that has a positive impact on our communities. We need to ensure our future is better than our past.

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Schedule of Urgent Decisions

Urgent decisions made following Member consultation

Date	Summary of decision	Decision on behalf of	Members, MO/S151 consulted/ content?	Status
13 Aug 2021	<p>Urgent Decision in relation to the proposed expansion of Springfield Special School on to a satellite site at Dean Row, Wilmslow.</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>Approval is given for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a Supplementary Capital Estimate of £2.2m (funded in accordance with paragraph 1.3) and; ii. virement of £0.8m from the SEN Capital Phase 2 which will provide the £3m needed for the development of the Dean Row Centre as a satellite site of Springfield School; iii. the change of date for completion of the project to 2023; iv. the outcomes of the consultation on the proposed project carried out in May 2021 	Council	Yes	Completed

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