

Council Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 15th December, 2021

Time: 11.15 am or on the rise of the previous meeting whichever is the later

Venue: Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe. CW1 2BB

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the top of each report.

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

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. 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.

For requests for further information

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3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 16)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20 October 2021.

4. **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.

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

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

6. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Interim Review of the Committee System** (Pages 17 - 332)

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

7. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23** (Pages 333 - 356)

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

8. **Recommendation from Corporate Policy Committee: Council Tax Base 2022/23** (Pages 357 - 366)

To consider the recommendation from the Corporate Policy Committee.

9. **Recommendations from Finance Sub Committee: 2021/22 Financial Year Update** (Pages 367 - 392)

To consider the recommendations from the Finance Sub Committee.

10. **Recommendation from Audit and Governance Committee: Procurement of External Audit Services** (Pages 393 - 400)

To consider the recommendation from the Audit and Governance Committee.

11. **Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2021/22** (Pages 401 - 424)

To receive the annual report of the Audit and Governance Committee.

12. **Connecting Cheshire Accelerated Grant Funding** (Pages 425 - 434)

To approve acceptance of a grant from Building Digital UK.

13. **Educational Psychologist Capacity for Supporting SEN Learners**
(Pages 435 - 440)

To consider approving a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice with a maximum contract value of £2.5 million to serve the Educational Psychologists service over the next five years.

14. **Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund for Adult Social Care**
(Pages 441 - 446)

To approve a Supplementary Revenue Estimate.

15. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 447 - 452)

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

16. **Questions**

In accordance 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.

17. **Reporting of Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive** (Pages 453 - 454)

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