

Corporate Policy Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 2nd December, 2021
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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 in the report.

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To note any apologies for absence from Members.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary

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and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

In accordance with paragraph 2.24 of the Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking, set out in the [Constitution](#), a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to put questions to the Committee on any matter relating to this agenda. Each member of the public will be allowed up to two minutes to speak; the Chair will have discretion to vary this 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.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2021.

5. **Notice of Motion: Fire and Re-hire** (Pages 13 - 24)

To receive a report in response to the notice of motion referred by Council.

6. **Covid-19 Update** (Pages 25 - 42)

To receive a Covid-19 update report.

7. **2021/22 Financial Year Review** (Pages 43 - 174)

To receive an update on the financial forecasts for 2021/22 and note any actions associated with the position reported; and to note or approve virements and supplementary estimates as required.

8. **Mid-Year Review of the Corporate Plan and Performance Reporting Update** (Pages 175 - 220)

To consider a review of the Corporate Plan at the mid-point of 2021/22 as part of the Council's performance management accountability framework.

9. **Cheshire East - Digital Strategy** (Pages 221 - 262)

To approve the Council's draft Digital Strategy for consultation.

10. **Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23** (Pages 263 - 284)

To consult on and recommend the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for approval by Council.

11. **Domestic Taxbase 2022/23 Report** (Pages 285 - 292)

To recommend the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 for approval by Council.

12. **Apprenticeship Programme Update** (Pages 293 - 306)

To consider an update on apprenticeships and approve the action plan.

13. **Work Programme** (Pages 307 - 310)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

14. **Reporting of Urgent Decisions**

To note any urgent decisions taken on behalf of the Committee.

15. **Insurance Contracts Procurement** (Pages 311 - 322)

To consider a report which seeks approval for the approach to the re-procurement of the Council's insurance portfolio for contracts expiring in March 2022.

The Committee will be asked to consider the report as an urgent item of business.

The Appendix to the report contains exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It may therefore be necessary for the Committee to exclude the press and public in order to consider the Appendix.

Membership: Councillors C Browne, J Clowes, S Corcoran (Chair), J P Findlow, K Flavell, R Fletcher, S Gardiner, N Mannion, A Martin, K Parkinson, J Rhodes, A Stott (Vice-Chair) and M Warren