

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 26th May, 2022
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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 foot of each 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 receive any 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.

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

In accordance with paragraphs 2.24 of the Council's Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking 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 each to speak, and 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 and should include the question with that notice.

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

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2022.

5. **Audit & Governance Action Log** (Pages 15 - 18)

To consider the Committees Action Log.

6. **External Audit 2021/22 Progress Report** (Pages 19 - 30)

To consider the External Audit 2021/22 Progress Report.

7. **Internal Audit Plan 2021/22: Progress Report** (Pages 31 - 48)

To consider the Internal Audit Plan 2021/22 Progress Report.

8. **Member Code of Conduct** (Pages 49 - 88)

To consider the revised Code of Conduct which reflects the Local Government Association model Code of Conduct for elected members, and incorporates best practice recommendations from The Ethics Report which can be recommended to full Council for adoption.

9. **Upheld Complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman** (Pages 89 - 98)

To consider the upheld complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO).

10. **Annual Risk Management Report 2021/22** (Pages 99 - 126)

To consider the Annual Risk Management Report 2021/22.

11. **Standing Item: Work Programme 2022/23** (Pages 127 - 134)

To consider the Committees Work Programme.

12. **Contract Procedure Rule Non-Adherences** (Pages 135 - 140)

To consider and note the number and reason for the WARNs approved.

13. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

14. **Contract Procedure Rule Non-Adherences: Part Two** (Pages 141 - 216)

To consider and note the number and reason for the WARNs approved between 1st December 2021- 30th April 2022.

Membership: Councillors R Bailey, C Bulman, B Evans, A Harewood, M Houston, P Redstone, M Sewart, M Simon (Chair) and J Nicholas (Vice-Chair)