

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 29th September, 2022
Time: 2.00 pm
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 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**

To receive 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.

For requests for further information

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4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2022.

5. **Action Log** (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider the Audit and Governance Action Log.

6. **Monitoring Officer Report** (Pages 9 - 34)

To consider the assurances outlined within the Annual Monitoring Officer Report, on key aspects of the Monitoring Officer's responsibilities over the previous financial year.

7. **External Audit Progress and Update Report** (Pages 35 - 46)

To receive an update report on the external audit progress.

8. **Draft Annual Governance Statement 2021/22** (Pages 47 - 90)

To receive the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2021/22.

9. **Audit & Governance Committee Annual Report** (Pages 91 - 114)

To consider the draft version of the Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report 2021/22 and agree the final version of the report that will go to the next meeting of Council.

10. **Standing Item: Upheld Complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman**

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

11. **Standing Item: Work Programme 2022/23** (Pages 115 - 120)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

12. **Standing Item: Compliance with Contract Procedure Rules**

To consider an update to the Audit and Governance Committee on the number of cases where, and reasons why, procurement activity has required the use of waivers and/or non-adherences (WARNs).

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.

14. **Standing Item: Compliance with Contract Procedure Rules: PART TWO** (Pages 121 - 154)

To note the approved WARNs.

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