

\*Page 31 **Additional Assurance**

Additional assurance work requested by the Committee was also provided around emerging issues including;

- **Better Care Fund update** (November 2014)  
Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the progress of the Cheshire East Better Ccare Fund plan, and on the governance arrangements in place and next stages of its delivery prior to implementation on 1 April 2015.
- **Payments to Directors of Council Owned Companies** (November 2014)  
The report detailed the Council's policy on paying Directors within its owned and controlled companies and provided assurance to the Committee on its implementation.
- **Compliance with Contract Rules of Procedure** (November 2014)  
In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution this report updated the Committee on Compliance with Contract Procedure Rules; it also provided an outline of the improvements being implemented via procurement but which also required changes to those rules.
- **Disclosure of Officer Remuneration in the Statement of Accounts** (March 2015)  
The committee received assurance that the decision to continue to disclose Officers' Remuneration to tier 3 was compliant with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) 2011 regulations and the Local Government Transparency Code.
- **Alternative Service Delivery Vehicle Governance and Stewardship** (March 2015)  
An update was provided on the governance arrangements for the Council's Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles (ASDVs) and confirmation that Articles of Association, Directors' mandates and shareholder agreements were all available as means by which the Cabinet could exercise control over the parent company and regular performance monitoring against each contract.
- **Managing complaints received by the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO)** (June 2015)  
The Committee received assurance that Council was now aware of the need to consider fully the provisional view of the LGO. The compliance team had highlighted the key issues with colleagues and training had been delivered to ensure this happened.
- **Whistleblowing Policy** (June 2015)  
The committee received an update report on the effectiveness of the Council's whistleblowing arrangements and a breakdown of the number of reports received during 2014/15. The policy had been subject to regular review since it was first approved in 2008, it had last been updated in 2014, and would continue to be reviewed as an ongoing exercise.