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To members of the Council

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**Dear Councillor** 

**COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 24TH MAY, 2023** 

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 meeting of the Council, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda Item 12 – Appendix to Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees of the Council

Yours sincerely

R Graves

**Democratic Services Officer** 

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# **COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS**

**Proposal of the Labour Group and Independent Group** 

# 1. CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE

- **Functions -** provide strategic direction to the operation of the Council by developing and recommending the Corporate Plan to full Council and making decisions on policies and practice where such decisions are not reserved to full Council
- Responsible for matters, not allocated to another committee which fall within the corporate directorate
- exercise any function of the Council not otherwise allocated; as well as the functions of all other Committees and Sub-Committees, particularly where plans, strategies or activities straddle a number of Committees

- Leader of the Council as Chair (Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Councils Constitution)

	Political Group	Comment
Chair – CIIr Sam Corcoran	Labour	
Vice Chair – CIIr Craig Browne	Independent	

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3. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT		
Functions - responsible for developing policies and making decisions on matters relating		
to highways and transport as they affect the area of the Council taking into account		
regional and national influences		
Political Group Comment		
Chair - Cllr Craig Browne	Independent	
Vice Chair - Cllr Laura Crane	Labour	

4. ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES			
Functions- responsible for developing policies and making decisions on matters relating to			
the delivery of inclusive and sustainable growth, improving the quality of the environment			
and delivering improvement in key front line services			
Political Group Comment			
Chair - Cllr Mick Warren	Independent		
Vice Chair - Cllr Judy Snowball	Labour		

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#### 5. CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**Functions -** responsible for those services which help keep children and young people safe and enable them to achieve their full potential. The responsibility incorporates matters in relation to schools and attainment, early help and family support and social care for children and families. The Committee will oversee the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee, which focuses on those children who are cared for by the local authority and for whom the Council has corporate parenting responsibility

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr Carol Bulman	Labour	
Vice Chair - Cllr Lata Anderson	Independent	

# 6. ADULTS & HEALTH

**Functions -** responsible for the Council's communities, public health and adult social care services with a view to enabling all people to live fulfilling lives and to retain their independence. When discharging its functions the Committee shall recognise the necessity of promoting choice and independence.

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr Jill Rhodes	Labour	
Vice Chair - Cllr Arthur Moran	Independet	

## 7. FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

**Functions -** Co-ordinate the management and oversight of the Council's finances, performance and corporate risk management arrangements. Make recommendations to the Corporate Policy Committee regarding the development of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the setting and monitoring of the Capital and Revenue Budgets in accordance with the Corporate Plan and the Policy Framework

·	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr Nick Mannion	Labour	
Vice Chair - Cllr Michael Gorman	Independent	

### 8. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Functions -** The discharge of the Council's responsibilities set out in section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006, section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006, and section 9JA and 9JB of the Local Government Act 2000 in relation to flood risk management

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - CIIr Liz Wardlaw	Conservative	
Vice Chair - Cllr Rob Vernon	Labour	

#### 9. AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- **Functions -** An independent and high-level focus on the audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards
- Independent review of the Council's governance, risk management, control frameworks and overseeing the financial reporting and annual governance processes
- Promoting high standards of ethical behaviour by developing, maintaining and monitoring Codes of Conduct for Councillors and co-opted Members (including other persons acting in a similar capacity)
- Overseeing internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place
- Reporting to Full Council on a regular basis on the Committee's performance and effectiveness.

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr Micheal Beanland	Conservative	
Vice Chair - Cllr Ken Edwards	Labour	

# 10. STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD

- **Functions** Oversee the division of the Council's Development Management functions and workload in order to ensure timely and consistent decision-making at the most appropriate level
- Exercise a consultation and advisory role, commenting upon the content of proposed planning policy and upon the effectiveness of existing policies employed in development control decisions.
- Exercise on behalf of the Council the function of final approval of the Area Action Plans, and any other document including a Site Allocation Policy, which form part of the Local Plan.

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr Brian Puddicombe	Labour	
Vice Chair - Cllr Stewart Gardiner	Conservative	

#### 11. NORTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE

- **Functions** Exercise the Council's functions relating to town and country planning and development control, the protection of important hedgerows, the preservation of trees and the regulation of high hedges, set out in the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000. Some applications have been reserved to the Strategic Planning Board: others are delegated on to the Director of Planning.
- To determine other planning & development control matters in line with its terms of reference

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr David Jefferay	Independent	
Vice Chair - Cllr Fiona Wilson	Labour	

## 12. SOUTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Functions Exercise the Council's functions relating to town and country planning and development control, the protection of important hedgerows, the preservation of trees and the regulation of high hedges, set out in the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000. Some applications have been reserved to the Strategic Planning Board: others are delegated on to the Director of Planning.
- To determine other planning & development control matters in line with its terms of reference

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr Joy Bratherton	Labour	
Vice Chair - Cllr Andrew Kolker	Conservative	

#### 13. LICENSING COMMITTEE

**Functions -** The Licensing Committee is responsible for matters relating to the administration of licences which are determinable by the Council, including the delegation of functional responsibility to individual officers for determination of any application for Consents, Licences, Certificates, Permits or Registrations.

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr David Edwardes	Independent	
Vice Chair - Cllr Reg Kain	Liberal Democrat	

#### 14. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- **Functions** make or recommend senior appointments
- Excluding national agreements, to approve "in year" salary or other benefit increases to the Head of Paid Service provided that this is within the agreed annual pay policy
- Appeals against action short of dismissal from the three Designated Statutory Officers

	Political Group	Comment
Chair - Cllr Fiona Wilson	Labour	
Vice Chair - Cllr Craig Browne	Independent	

Role of Chairs - Job Description of Committee Chairs (cheshireeast.gov.uk)