

Council Agenda

Date: Wednesday 26th February 2025
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: The Tenants' Hall, Tatton Park, Knutsford WA16 6QN

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The agenda is divided into two 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**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 22)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 11 December 2024.

4. **Mayor's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Mayor.

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

In accordance the Council Procedural Rules, a total period of 30 minutes is allocated for members of the public to speak at Council meetings. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 2 minutes, but the Chair will have discretion to vary this requirement 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. Questions should be submitted to: katie.small@cheshireeast.gov.uk or brian.reed@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Petitions - To receive any petitions which have met the criteria - [Petitions Scheme Criteria](#), and falls within the remit of the Committee. Petition organisers will be allowed up to three minutes to speak.

6. **Leader's and Deputy Leader's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Leader and Deputy Leader.

7. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26-2028/29 (Pages 23 - 302)**

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

8. **Council Tax Statutory Resolution (Pages 303 - 318)**

To set the Council Tax for Cheshire East for the financial year 2025/26.

9. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Cheshire East Corporate Plan 2025-29 (Pages 319 - 338)**

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

10. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Supporting Effective Engagement: Cheshire and Warrington Devolution (Pages 339 - 354)**

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

11. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Pay Policy Statement 2025-26 (Pages 355 - 370)**

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

12. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Calendar of Meetings 2025-2026 (Pages 371 - 398)**

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

13. **Recommendations from Finance Sub Committee: Approval of Supplementary Revenue Estimates (Pages 399 - 432)**

To consider the recommendations from the Finance Sub Committee.

14. **Recommendations from the Appointments Committee: Appointment of the Executive Director Resources (S151) (Pages 433 - 438)**

To consider the recommendation of the Appointments Committee.

15. **Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2023-24 (Pages 439 - 458)**

To receive the Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2023-24.

16. **Swimming Pool Support Fund Grant Acceptance (Pages 459 - 466)**

To approve the Supplement Capital Estimate relating to the Sports England Swimming Pool Fund Grant.

17. **Delivery Proposal for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme for 2025/26 (Pages 467 - 478)**

To approve the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme Delivery proposal for 2025/26.

18. **Nomination of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2025-26 Civic Year (Pages 479 - 482)**

To consider making a nomination for Mayor for 2025/26, who will also act as Chair of the Council, and a nomination for Deputy Mayor for 2025/26

19. **Notices of Motion (Pages 483 - 486)**

To consider any Notices of Motion that have been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules.

20. **Questions**

In accordance the Council Procedure Rules, opportunity is provided for Members of the Council to ask the Mayor or the Chair of a Committee any question about a matter which the Council, or the Committee has powers, duties or responsibilities.

At Council meeting, there will be a maximum question time period of 30 minutes. A period of two minutes will be allowed for each Councillor wishing to ask a question. The Mayor will have the discretion to vary this requirement where they consider it appropriate.

21. **Reporting of Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive (Pages 487 - 488)**

To note the urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive on behalf of Council.