

Economy and Growth Committee

Agenda

Date:	Tuesday 11th March 2025
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

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 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 note any apologies for absence from Members.

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 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2025.

4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

In accordance with 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.

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.

5. **Notice of Motion: Protecting Family Farms and Preserving Rural Communities across Cheshire East** (Pages 11 - 20)

To consider the Notice of Motion.

6. **Rural Action Plan 2022 – 2026 Update** (Pages 21 - 50)

To consider the update report on the Rural Action Plan.

7. **Service Budgets 2025/26** (Pages 51 - 92)

To consider the report which sets out the allocation of approved budgets for 2025-26.

8. **Macclesfield Car Parking Feasibility Study** (Pages 93 - 174)

To consider the findings of the feasibility study conducted to explore the potential to declare surplus land contained within Duke Street and Churchill Way car parks and to release such land for redevelopment for housing.

9. **Carbon Neutral Update and Mersey Forest Partnership** (Pages 175 - 354)

To consider the update of progress against the Council's internal target for carbon neutrality and approve the acceptance of a Trees for Climate grant administered by The Mersey Forest to enable a 33ha tree planting scheme in the Borough.

10. **Work Programme** (Pages 355 - 358)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

11. **Handforth Garden Village Delivery Strategy** (Pages 359 - 368)

To consider the progress made towards delivering Handforth Garden Village, the options for delivery and proposed progressing with the option of exploring a joint venture with MADE Partnership.

12. **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 2, 3, 5 and 7a 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

13. **Handforth Garden Village Delivery Strategy** (Pages 369 - 376)

To consider the confidential appendix.

Membership: Councillors D Brown, L Buchanan, A Burton, J Clowes, P Coan, B Drake, M Gorman (Chair), A Heler, G Marshall, C O'Leary, P Redstone, R Vernon and F Wilson (Vice-Chair)