

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 30th September, 2024
Time: 10.00 am
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 foot of each report.

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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.

For requests for further information

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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.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 14)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29 July 2024.

5. **Action Log (Pages 15 - 20)**

To receive an update on the Audit and Governance Committee action log.

6. **Whistleblowing Arrangements - 2023/24 Update and Policy Development (Pages 21 - 28)**

To consider a report on the use of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy during 2023/24 and the proposals for the review and refresh of the Whistleblowing Policy.

7. **Localism Act 2011 - General Dispensations (Pages 29 - 34)**

To consider a report on several general dispensations under the Localism Act 2011.

8. **Information Governance and Security - Review of 2023/24 (Pages 35 - 50)**

To receive an update on the Council's arrangements for information management, information security, and requests for information received under relevant legislation during 2023/24.

9. **Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2023/24 (Pages 51 - 68)**

To consider the draft Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2023/24.

10. **Revised 0-25 SEND Partnership Governance Structure and Strategy (Pages 69 - 88)**

To receive an update on the revised governance arrangements for the Cheshire East 0-25 Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Partnership.

11. **Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2024/25 to 2030/31 - Progress Update** (Pages 89 - 112)

To receive an update on progress of the mitigations detailed within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) management plan.

12. **B4B / Unit 4 Healthcheck Update**

To receive a verbal update on the B4B / Unit 4 shared service.

13. **Work Programme** (Pages 113 - 116)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

Membership: Councillors B Drake, S Adams, M Beanland (Chair), K Edwards (Vice-Chair), A Heler, C Hilliard, G Marshall, P Redstone, J Snowball, Mr R Jones and Mrs J Clark