

Cheshire and Warrington Joint Committee

Agenda

Date:	Friday, 31st January, 2025
Time:	10.00 am
Venue:	Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH

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.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making meetings 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 receive any apologies for absence from Members.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)

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

For requests for further information

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4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

In accordance with Cheshire East Council's Committee Procedural Rules and Appendix on public speaking, a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to put questions to the Joint 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 ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing in advance of the meeting and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

Part B - Other Functions of the Committee

5. **Enterprise Zone** (Pages 7 - 14)

To consider a report which sets out the findings of an independent assessment of Enviroo's Business Case for £1,000,000 of Enterprise Zone Grant Funding, and seeks approval from the Joint Committee for Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington to issue a grant funding offer and draw down funds aligned to a Grant Funding Agreement.

6. **Cheshire and Warrington Joint Committee Terms of Reference Amendments** (Pages 15 - 26)

To receive a report detailing the formal response of each of the three Councils to the Joint Committee's request to amend the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

7. **Devolution White Paper** (Pages 27 - 58)

To receive a report which provides details on the high-level impacts that the new devolution framework, outlined in the English Devolution White Paper published on 16 December 2024, would have if Cheshire and Warrington councils formally decided to move forward with devolved powers and investment.

8. **Devolution Work Programme** (Pages 59 - 72)

To receive a report which details of the proposed Devolution Work Programme for Cheshire and Warrington.

Part A - Shareholder Functions of the Committee

9. **Joint Committee Forward Plan** (Pages 73 - 76)

To receive an update and seek direction on the Cheshire and Warrington Joint Committee Forward Plan.

Membership: Councillors L Gittins (Chair), H Mundry, N Mannion (Vice-Chair), M Gorman, Shore and Flaherty

