

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire and Warrington Joint Committee**
held on Friday, 26th July, 2024 in the Council Chamber, Warrington Town
Hall, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH

PRESENT

Councillor Louise Gittins (Chair), Leader, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Councillor Nick Mannion (Vice-Chair), Leader, Cheshire East Council
Councillor Jean Flaherty, Deputy Leader, Warrington Borough Council
Councillor Michael Gorman, Deputy Leader, Cheshire East Council

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Skates, Acting Executive Director – Place, Cheshire East Council
Janet Witkowski, Legal Officer, Cheshire East Council
Sam Jones, Democratic Services Officer, Cheshire East Council
Delyth Curtis, Chief Executive Officer, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Gemma Davies, Director of Economy and Housing, Cheshire West and
Chester Council
Steve Park, Growth Director, Warrington Borough Council
Philip Cox, Chief Executive, Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington
Peter Jones, Programme Director, Cheshire and Warrington Sub-Regional
Programme

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Karen Shore,
Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Councillor Hans Mundry,
Warrington Borough Council.

Roundtable introductions were made, and Councillors Jean Flaherty,
Warrington Borough Council, Nick Mannion, Cheshire East Council and
Michael Gorman, Cheshire East Council were welcomed to the Joint
Committee.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2024 be approved as a
correct record.

4 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED:

The public speaker procedure was noted.

There were no public speakers.

5 CHESHIRE & WARRINGTON JOINT COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER MATTERS REPORT

Members considered a report regarding the appointment of Members to the Cheshire and Warrington Joint Committee by the three Councils in Cheshire and to highlight some key operational and administrative requirements relating to the way in which the Committee would work in future.

RESOLVED (unanimously): That the Joint Committee

1. Note the appointment of Members to the Joint Committee by constituent Councils.

2. Note the resignation of Councillor Sam Corcoran from his role as Leader of Cheshire East Council and that his replacement is Councillor Nick Mannion as newly appointed Leader.

3. Note the position relating to the appointment of the Chair of the Business Advisory Board.

4. Note the Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee, approved by Constituent Councils.

5. Note the operational and administrative arrangements for the Joint Committee.

6. Note the proposed agenda items for the meeting of the Joint Committee in September 2024.

6 CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD

Members considered a report seeking Joint Committee approval for the appointment of 10 of the proposed 15 to 20 members of the Joint Committee's Business Advisory Board.

RESOLVED (unanimously): That the Joint Committee

1. Confirm the appointment of the BAB members listed at Annex A:

- Trevor Brocklebank - Ex-Officio, Chair of Marketing Cheshire
- Chris Hindley - Former Local Enterprise Partnership Board Member

- Nichola Newton - Former Local Enterprise Partnership Board Member
- Peter Broxton - Former Local Enterprise Partnership Board Member
- Rupert Collis - Former Local Enterprise Partnership Board Member
- Ian Traynor - Business Representative Organisation Cheshire Business Group
- Terry Haywood - Business Representative Organisation North Cheshire Chamber
- Jane Hough - Business Representative Organisation Groundwork (for Cheshire & Warrington Business Improvement Districts)
- Helen Gbormittah - Business Representative Organisation North West Confederation of British Industry
- Jan Chillery - Business Representative Organisation Chester Business Club

7 FINANCE FOR THE SKILLS BOOTCAMP PROGRAMME

Members considered a report which sought approval from the Joint Committee for Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington to accept, spend and submit further bids for funding for the Skills Bootcamp Programme as set out in the business plan.

RESOLVED (unanimously): That the Joint Committee

1. Agree ECW should accept and spend further funding of around £5 million for our 2024/25 skills bootcamp programme if it is offered post-election or subsequently during this financial year.
2. Agree that the Chief Executive of ECW in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Committee and the sub-regional Growth Directors Board and with agreement of the Skills Bootcamp Steering Committee should prepare and submit a bid for the 2025/26 skills bootcamp programme.
3. Approve a variation in the ECW Business Plan to include the proposals to accept and spend £5 million for 2024/25 and the submission of a bid for 2025/26.
4. Give delegated authority for Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington to award Skills Bootcamp delivery contracts exceeding £100,000, subject to compliance with procurement and subsidy regulations, to the Chair of the sub-regional Growth Directors Board in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Committee; the Growth Directors from the two remaining Local Authorities; and the Monitoring Officer and S151 Officer from the Local Authority with lead accountable body status.

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am and concluded at 11.13 am

Councillor Louise Gittins (Chair), Leader, Cheshire West and Chester Council