

# **Economy and Growth Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Tuesday 14th March 2023  
**Time:** 1.00 pm  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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 and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2023.

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For requests for further information

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4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

In accordance with the Council's Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking, as set out in the [Constitution](#), 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.

5. **Cultural Framework 2023-2028** (Pages 9 - 28)

To consider the report seeking approval for Cheshire East Council Cultural Framework to operate from 2023 to 2028.

6. **Archives Project - Delivery Phase** (Pages 29 - 50)

To consider the update to the 'Cheshire's Archives – A Story Shared' project.

7. **Notice of Motion: The Development of Council Housing** (Pages 51 - 60)

To consider the report on the Notice of Motion.

8. **Digital Investment Plan 2023-2025** (Pages 61 - 102)

To consider the report on the Connecting Cheshire Digital Investment Plan.

9. **Crewe Technical & Digital Innovation Centre** (Pages 103 - 112)

To consider the progress made to date on the proposal for a Technical & Digital Innovation Centre.

10. **Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme - 3B** (Pages 113 - 120)

To note the acceptance, under urgency powers, of a Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund Grant of up to £7.8m, in three lots, and to approve the undertaking of associated works.

11. **2022/23 Financial Update** (Pages 121 - 150)

To receive an update on the financial position for 2022/23. To note or approve virements and supplementary estimates as required.

12. **Work Programme** (Pages 151 - 152)

To consider the Work Programme.

13. **Carbon Neutral Update** (Pages 153 - 302)

To consider the update on the progress the Council has made to being a carbon neutral council by 2025 and a carbon neutral borough by 2045.

14. **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 Paragraph 3 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**

15. **Carbon Neutral Update** (Pages 303 - 376)

To consider the confidential appendix to the report.

16. **Update on Royal Arcade Progress**

To receive a verbal update on the progress of the Royal Arcade project.

**Membership:** Councillors S Brookfield, D Brown, J Clowes, M Goldsmith (Vice-Chair), P Groves, S Hogben, M Houston, D Jefferay, A Kolker, N Mannion (Chair), R Moreton, D Stockton and P Williams