

# **Audit and Governance Committee**

# Agenda

# Date:Thursday, 28th September, 2023Time:10.00 amVenue: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 in the report.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision-making meetings are audio recorded and the recordings are uploaded to the Council's website.

# PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

## 1. Apologies for Absence

## 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 3 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2023.

## 4. External Auditors - Indicative Audit Strategy Memorandum (Pages 13 - 50)

To note the update from the External Auditors.

#### 5. **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.

6. **Action Log** (Pages 51 - 54)

To consider the Action Log.

7. Monitoring Officer Annual Report 2022/23 (Pages 55 - 94)

To consider the attached report.

8. Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2022/23 (Pages 95 - 110)

To consider the attached report.

#### 9. **Proposed Terms of Reference - Audit and Governance Committee**

To note the verbal update on progress.

#### 10. Recruitment of Co - opted Independent Member

To note the verbal update on progress.

11. Work Programme (Pages 111 - 116)

To consider the committee's work programme.

#### 12. Section 106 Key Findings - Internal Audit Report (Pages 117 - 142)

To consider the attached report.

**Membership:** Councillors Adams, Beanland (Chair), K Edwards (Vice Chair), Heler, Hilliard, Houston, Marshall, Redstone, Snowball and Mr R Jones.