

# Corporate Policy Committee

## Agenda

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**Date:** Thursday, 5th October, 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**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 meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website

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 - 20)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

In accordance with paragraph 2.24 of the Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking, 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 to speak; 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. **First Financial Review 2023/24** (Pages 21 - 206)

To consider a report which provides an early overview of the Cheshire East Council forecast outturn for the financial year 2023/24.

6. **Developing a New Corporate Plan** (Pages 207 - 218)

To provide an update on progress in developing a new strategic plan for Cheshire East, further to the introductory report that was presented in July 2023.

7. **Community Grants Programme 2023/24 and 2024/25** (Pages 219 - 236)

To consider a report which seeks approval for several community grant schemes that are provisionally scheduled to be delivered, and associated funding allocated, during 2023/24 and 24/25.

8. **Armed Forces Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS)** (Pages 237 - 258)

To consider a report which provides an update on the Silver Defence Employee Recognition Award received by the Council in May 2022, and which sets out the requirements associated with applying for the Gold Defence Employee Recognition Award.

9. **Appointment to Outside Organisation** (Pages 259 - 262)

The Committee to make an appointment to the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors.

10. **Digital Strategy Update** (Pages 263 - 278)

To consider a report which provides an update on the progress and achievements related to the Council's Digital Strategy 2022-24.

11. **Customer Experience Strategy Update** (Pages 279 - 296)

To consider a report which provides an update on achievements in relation to the Council's Customer Experience Strategy.

12. **Performance Report - Quarter 1 2023/24** (Pages 297 - 360)

To consider a report on organisational performance against the priorities and vision set out within the Council's Corporate Plan 2021-25 for quarter 1 of 2023/24.

13. **Strategic Risk Register Assurance Report Q1 2023/24** (Pages 361 - 412)

To consider a report which provides an update on the activity of the Council's Strategic Risk Register for Quarter 1 2023/24.

14. **Work Programme** (Pages 413 - 420)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

15. **Minutes of Sub-Committees** (Pages 421 - 432)

To receive the following sub-committee minutes:

- General Appeals Sub-Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023
- Finance Sub-Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

16. **Reporting of Urgent Decisions** (Pages 433 - 434)

To note an urgent decision taken on behalf of the Committee.

**THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS**

**Membership:** Councillors C Browne (Vice-Chair), C Bulman, D Clark, J Clowes, S Corcoran (Chair), M Goldsmith, A Harrison, N Mannion, C O'Leary, J Pearson, J Rhodes, J Saunders and M Warren