

# **Council Summons**

**Wednesday, 14th May, 2025**

**11.00 am**

**The Tenants' Hall, Tatton Park, Knutsford**

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To all Members of the Council

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the Cheshire East Council for the transaction of the business specified in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Rob Polkinghorne  
Chief Executive



# Agenda

The agenda is divided into two 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 are uploaded to the Council's website

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

### **Mayor Making Ceremony**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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

3. **Election of Mayor 2025/26**

To elect a Mayor for 2025/26, who will also act as Chair of the Council.

4. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2025/26**

To appoint a Deputy Mayor for 2025/26, who will also act as Vice Chair of the Council.

5. **Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor**

6. **Mayor's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Mayor.

### **Adjournment of Meeting and Lunch**

### **Reconvening of Meeting at 1.45 pm**

### **Annual General Meeting**

7. **Apologies for Absence**

8. **Declarations of Interest**

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9. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 32)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 February 2025.

10. **Election of a Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council for 2025/26** (Pages 33 - 38)

To elect a Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council for 2025/26.

11. **Political Representation on the Council's Committees** (Pages 39 - 44)

To determine the political representation on the Council's committees.

*Appendix to follow.*

12. **Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees of the Council** (Pages 45 - 48)

To appoint the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Council's committees.

*Appendix to follow.*

13. **Recommendation from Finance Sub Committee: Approval of Virement** (Pages 49 - 60)

To consider the recommendation from the Finance Sub Committee.

14. **Appointments to Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and to Cheshire Fire Authority** (Pages 61 - 64)

To approve the appointments to the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Fire Authority.

15. **Approval of Absence from Council Meetings** (Pages 65 - 68)

To seek the approval of Council in respect of a Councillor's absence from Council meetings for a period of six months.

16. **Software Defined Wide Area Network (SD Wan) Connectivity Procurement** (Pages 69 - 76)

To consider the report on the procurement of a new connectivity network contract.

17. **Reporting of Urgent Decisions Taken by the Chief Executive** (Pages 77 - 78)

To note the urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive on behalf of Council.