

Corporate Policy Committee

Agenda

Date:	Thursday, 27th November, 2025
Time:	9.00 am
Venue:	Committee Suite 1, 2 and 3, Delamere House, Delamere Street, Crewe, CW1 2JZ

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 foot of each report.

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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 interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests in any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 October 2025.

For requests for further information

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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.

Petitions - To receive any petitions which have met the criteria - [Petitions Scheme Criteria](#), and falls within the remit of the Committee. Petition organisers will be allowed up to three minutes to speak.

5. **People Strategy** (Pages 11 - 46)

To consider the new strategy.

6. **The Council's Decision-Making Arrangements** (Pages 47 - 98)

To consider a report on the Council's decision-making arrangements.

7. **Appointment of a New Member to the Independent School Admission Appeals Panel and Independent Review Panel for Exclusion Reviews** (Pages 99 - 104)

To appoint an Independent Member.

8. **Strategic Risk Update** (Pages 105 - 152)

To receive an update on strategic risk activity.

9. **Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy and Procedure and Online Investigations Policy** (Pages 153 - 194)

To consider the revised policy.

10. **The Future Model for ICT: Retained Shared Service and Gemini Phase 2** (Pages 195 - 202)

To consider the report on the progress of Phases 1 and 2 of the ICT Shared Services Programme (Gemini).

11. **Corporate Complaints Policy** (Pages 203 - 224)

To consider the report on the Council's updated Corporate Complaints Policy.

12. **Second Financial Review of 2025/26** (Pages 225 - 244)

To consider the Second Financial Review.

13. **Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27 - 2029/30 and Council Tax Base 2026/27** (Pages 245 - 260)

To consider the report on the MTFS consultation 2026/27 and Council Tax Base 2026/27.

14. **Work Programme** (Pages 261 - 264)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

15. **Minutes of Sub-Committees** (Pages 265 - 274)

To receive the minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee and General Appeals Sub Committee.

16. **Budget Approval and Acceptance of DfT Grant for the Middlewich Eastern Bypass** (Pages 275 - 294)

To consider the report in relation to Middlewich Eastern Bypass.

17. **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 Paragraphs 2 and 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

18. **Budget Approval and Acceptance of DfT Grant for the Middlewich Eastern Bypass** (Pages 295 - 300)

To consider the confidential appendices.

19. **Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) Modernisation** (Pages 301 - 324)

To consider the report.

Membership: Councillors D Clark, J Clowes, L Crane, T Dean, S Gardiner, M Goldsmith, M Gorman (Vice-Chair), D Jefferay, N Mannion (Chair), C O'Leary, J Rhodes, J Saunders, L Wardlaw and F Wilson