

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date:	Monday, 28th July, 2025
Time:	10.30 am
Venue:	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 at the foot 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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive 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 meeting held on Thursday 29 May 2025.

For requests for further information

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4. **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.

5. **Action Log (Pages 11 - 12)**

To receive an update on the committee action log.

6. **CQC Local Authority Assurance Outcome (Pages 13 - 20)**

To receive an update on the outcome of the CQC LA Assurance Assessment of Adults Social Care.

7. **Verbal update from the External Auditors on progress on 2023/24 Statement of Accounts Finalisation and progress on 2024/25 Statement of Accounts Audit Plan**

To receive a verbal update from the External Auditors on progress on 2023/24 Statement of Accounts Finalisation and progress on 2024/25 Statement of Accounts Audit Plan.

8. **Final Outturn and Draft Statement of Accounts 2024-25**

To receive a pre-audited overview of the Council's Outturn and the draft Statement of Accounts for 2024/25.

Report to follow.

9. **Draft Financial Statements – Wholly Owned Companies 2024/25 and Outturn Update 2024/25 (Pages 21 - 34)**

To receive the draft financial statements of Ansa Environmental Services Ltd and Orbitas Bereavement Services Ltd for the year 2024/25.

10. **Member Training and Development Plan (Pages 35 - 74)**

To consider the refreshed Member Training Strategy and Programme.

11. **Internal Audit Opinion 2024-25 (Pages 75 - 96)**

To receive the Annual Internal Audit Opinion for 2024-25.

12. **Risk Management Report 2024-25** (Pages 97 - 142)

To receive an update on risk management activity during 2024-25.

13. **Draft Annual Governance Statement 2024-25** (Pages 143 - 200)

To consider the draft Annual Governance Statement 2024-25.

14. **Complaints and Compliments Annual Report 2024-25** (Pages 201 - 292)

To receive the Annual Report 2024-25.

15. **Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) – Outcome of IPCO Inspection** (Pages 293 - 296)

To receive a report which sets out the outcome of the inspection by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office.

16. **Work Programme** (Pages 297 - 300)

To consider the Work Programme.

Membership: Councillors S Adams, M Beanland (Chair), L Braithwaite, B Drake (Vice-Chair), R Fletcher, A Heler, P Redstone, J Snowball, R Jones and J Clark