

# **Audit and Governance Committee**

## **Agenda**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday, 29th September, 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Capesthorne Room, Macclesfield Town Hall, SK10 1EA</b>

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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 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 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2025.

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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. **Audit and Governance Committee Action Log** (Pages 15 - 16)

To receive an update on the committee action log.

6. **Final Statement of Accounts 2023-24 (report to follow)**

To receive the Final Statement of Accounts 2023-24.

7. **Final Annual Governance Statement 2023-24** (Pages 17 - 62)

To receive the final AGS 2023-24.

8. **Statement of Accounts 2023-24 External Audit Opinion**

To receive a verbal update from the External Auditors.

9. **Provisional Audit Planning Report (Update) of Ernst & Young LLP - 2024/25**  
(Pages 63 - 116)

To consider the report which provides an update on the proposed audit approach and the scope for the 2024/25 audit.

10. **Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2024-25** (Pages 117 - 132)

To consider the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2024-25.

11. **Audit and Governance Committee Self-Assessment** (Pages 133 - 150)

To consider the report on the Committee Self-Assessment.

12. **Information Governance and Security - Review of 2024/25** (Pages 151 - 170)

To receive the report which provides an update on the arrangements for information management, information security, and requests for information during 2024/25.

13. **Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) - Review of Policy and Procedure**  
(Pages 171 - 212)

To receive an update on the Council's use of its powers under Part II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (IPA) during 2024/25.

14. **Work Programme** (Pages 213 - 216)

To consider the Work Programme.

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