

Constitution Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 22nd March, 2012
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2012.

5. **Crewe Community Governance Review** (Pages 7 - 42)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) consider the recommendations of the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee following the outcome of the Stage 1 consultation; and
- (2) make a recommendation to Council on the formulation of its draft recommendation.

The Community Governance Review Sub-Committee met on 13th March 2012 and its recommendations will be reported at the Committee's meeting.

The documents which the Sub-Committee was asked to consider in making its recommendations to the Committee are attached. These comprise:

- (a) a briefing paper on the matters to be taken into consideration in formulating a draft recommendation;
- (b) the results of the consultation with local electors; and
- (c) other representations received.

6. **Outside Organisations Sub-Committee - Revised Terms of Reference** (Pages 43 - 52)

To review the terms of reference of the Outside Organisations Sub-Committee.

7. **Petitions - The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2000, the Local Authorities (Petitions) (England) Order 2010 and the Localism Act 2011** (Pages 53 - 66)

To review the Council's arrangements for dealing with petitions.

8. **Review of the Constitution** (Pages 67 - 70)

To consider the Committee's approach to the review of the Council's Constitution.

THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS