

Council Agenda

Date:	Thursday, 23rd February, 2012
Time:	10.00 am – To consider Items 1-11 To be adjourned at approximately 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.30pm, to consider items 12- 20
Venue:	Main Hall, Congleton Town Hall, High Street, Congleton CW12 1BN

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 foot of each report.

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

1. **Apologies**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15 December 2011** (Pages 1 - 16)

To approve the minutes as a correct record.

3. **Mayor's Announcements**

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

4. **Declarations of Interest**

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

5. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session - Budget items Only**

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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. It is not a requirement to give notice of the intention to make use of public speaking provision. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours notice is encouraged.

(Note – This item is reserved for matters relating to the budget. There is a further item relating to public speaking on the agenda for the afternoon session for non-budget related matters).

6. **Referral to Council of Recommendations from Cabinet - Business Planning Process 2012-2015 Business Plan** (Pages 17 - 168)

To consider and approve the recommendations from the meeting of Cabinet held on 6 February 2012.

7. **Referral to Council of Recommendation from Cabinet - Treasury Management Strategy 2012 to 2015, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision 2012-2013** (Pages 169 - 198)

To consider the recommendation from the meeting of Cabinet held on 6 February 2012 and to approve the Treasury Management Strategy and the MRP Statement for 2012/13, which includes the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) reporting requirements, in accordance with the Local Government Investments Guidance under Section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003, as set out in Appendix A of the report.

8. **Council Tax 2012/2013 - Statutory Resolution** (Pages 199 - 210)

To set the Council Tax for the financial year 2012/2013, in accordance with the formal resolutions as shown in section 19 of the report.

9. **Referral to Council of Recommendations from Constitution Committee Notice of Motion Local Service Delivery Committee** (Pages 211 - 220)

To consider the recommendations of the Constitution Committee held on 26 January 2012.

10. **Referral to Council of Recommendations from Constitution Committee - Finance Procedure Rules** (Pages 221 - 282)

To consider the recommendations of the Constitution Committee held on 26 January 2012.

11. **Referral to Council of Recommendations from Constitution Committee Cheshire East Governance Arrangements - Localism Act 2011** (Pages 283 - 292)

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13. **Petition For Debate - Gypsy and Traveller Site Coppenhall Crewe** (Pages 293 - 306)

A report from the Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities is enclosed.

Under the Council's Petition Scheme the petition organiser may address the meeting for up to 3 minutes and may be asked questions on the subject matter of the petition. The organiser may nominate another person to address the meeting and to answer any questions on the matter.

Council are required to debate the Petition. Council may then refer the petition to the appropriate decision making body for further considerations.

(A copy of the full petition is available on request and will be available at the meeting).

14. **Petition for Debate - Health and Social Care, Knutsford and the Stanley Centre in Knutsford** (Pages 307 - 318)

A joint report from the Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing is enclosed.

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15. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 319 - 326)

To consider the attached Notices of Motions, submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.

16. **Supplementary Estimates - Quarter Three Review** (Pages 327 - 332)

To approve the Supplementary Estimates, as set out in the report.

17. **Leader's Report to Full Council**

The Leader to announce the appointment of Councillor Janet Clowes as the Cabinet Member and Councillor Stewart Gardiner as Cabinet Support Member for Health and Wellbeing.

18. **Appointment of a Vice Chairmen to the Audit and Governance Committee**
(Pages 333 - 334)

To appoint a Vice Chairman to the Audit and Governance Committee.

19. **Cheshire East Pay Policy Statement 2012/13** (Pages 335 - 360)

To consider the recommendation from the Staffing Committee, held on 20 February 2012, to approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13, in line with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

20. **Questions**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11, opportunity is provided for Members of the Council to ask the Mayor, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee any question about a matter which the Council, the Cabinet or the Committee has powers, duties or responsibilities. Questions must be sent in writing to the Monitoring Officer at least 3 clear working days before the meeting.

At Council meetings, there will be a maximum question time period of 30 minutes. Questions will be selected by the Mayor, using the criteria agreed by Council. Any questions which are accepted, but which cannot be dealt with during the allotted period will be answered in writing. Questions must be brief, clear and focussed.