

Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date:	Tuesday, 4th September, 2012
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	Committee Suite 1, 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. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)
3. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

4. **Declaration of Party Whip**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda.

For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public contacted the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting to provide brief details of the matter to be covered.

6. **Temporary Agency Staff Contract** (Pages 5 - 10)

To consider a report of the Head of HR and Organisational Development.

7. **Benefits Update**

To receive an update on the new arrangements relating to benefits and the implications for the Council – report to follow

8. **Pensions Update**

To receive a verbal update from a representative of the Cheshire Pension Fund.

9. **Review of Discretionary Rate Relief Policy** (Pages 11 - 36)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance and Business Services.

10. **Work Programme Progress Report** (Pages 37 - 44)

To consider a report of the Borough Solicitor.

11. **Forward Plan - Extracts** (Pages 45 - 54)

To note the current forward plan, identify any new items, and to determine whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate.