

Constitution Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 20th September, 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 disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary 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 5th July 2012.

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5. **Crewe Community Governance Review - Final Outcome** (Pages 7 - 52)

To consider the final recommendations to Council on the Crewe Community Governance Review.

6. **Notice of Motion - Motions to Council** (Pages 53 - 56)

To consider the motion referred by Council.

7. **Notice of Motion - Right to Speak at Meetings** (Pages 57 - 60)

To consider the motion referred by Council.

8. **Notice of Motion - Confidentiality** (Pages 61 - 78)

To consider the motion referred by Council.

9. **Notice of Motion - Venue for Meetings of the Strategic Planning Board** (Pages 79 - 82)

To consider the motion referred by Council.

10. **Decisions Taken in the Absence of a Portfolio Holder** (Pages 83 - 86)

To consider the arrangements for executive decisions to be taken in the absence of the relevant Portfolio Holder.

11. **Key Decisions - Definition and Thresholds** (Pages 87 - 102)

To consider revised definitions with regard to key decisions.

12. **Review of Contract Procedure Rules** (Pages 103 - 134)

To propose amendments to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

13. **Proposed Amendments to the Council's Finance and Contract Procedure Rules/Project Gateway** (Pages 135 - 146)

To consider proposed amendments to Sections A and B of the Council's Finance and Contract Procedure Rules and the creation of a 'Project Gateway' to provide a strong quality assurance model for major projects and programmes in Cheshire East.

14. **Special Responsibility Allowance: Local Service Delivery Committees for Crewe and Macclesfield** (Pages 147 - 150)

To consider the Independent Remuneration Panel's recommendations regarding the award of a Special Responsibility Allowance to the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Local Service Delivery Committees for Crewe and Macclesfield.

15. **Petitions - The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2000, the Local Authorities (Petitions) (England) Order 2010 and the Localism Act 2011** (Pages 151 - 164)

To consider proposed amendments to the Council's Petition's Scheme.

16. **Review of the Planning Protocol of Conduct and the Planning Public Speaking Protocol** (Pages 165 - 192)

To consider proposed amendments to the Council's Planning Protocol of Conduct and Planning Public Speaking Protocol.

THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS