

# **Constitution Committee**

## **Agenda**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday 24th January 2013</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Committee Suite 1,2 &amp; 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ</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.

### **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.

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4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2012

5. **Questions at Cabinet** (Pages 11 - 14)

To consider a report which invites the Committee to consider a proposal from the Leader of the Council which would lead to a new provision in the Constitution providing for questions to be put to Cabinet Members at Cabinet meetings by Members of the Council.

6. **Macclesfield Members Forum and the Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committee** (Pages 15 - 22)

To consider a request from the Members representing the unparished area of Macclesfield to establish a Macclesfield Members Forum pending the outcome of the Community Governance Review for Macclesfield.

7. **Frequency of Meetings** (Pages 23 - 42)

To consider a report that seeks the views of the Committee upon whether the frequency of the Council's meetings should be reviewed.

8. **Scheme of Delegation for Director of Public Health** (Pages 43 - 54)

In advance of the transfer of public health responsibilities to Local authority control on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, the Committee is asked to consider recommending to Council changes to the Officer Scheme of Delegation to ensure that the Director of Public Health is empowered to undertake their role.

9. **Review of Powers and Responsibilities of Officers** (Pages 55 - 58)

Subject to the Scheme of Delegation Member Working Group completing its deliberations, the Committee is asked to recommend to Council the approval of the revised draft section of the Constitution on Powers and Responsibilities of Officers, with any appropriate amendments

**THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS**