

# **Constitution Committee**

## **Agenda**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday, 26th November, 2012</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.

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

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For requests for further information

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5. **Re-Organisation of Community Governance (Crewe) Order 2012 and Mini Review of Electoral Arrangements for the Parish of Leighton** (Pages 13 - 24)

To consider the recommendations of the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee on a review of the electoral arrangements for the Parish of Leighton, arising from the proposed boundary change to the Leighton Urban Ward.

6. **Notice of Motion - Motions to Council** (Pages 25 - 28)

To consider the motion referred by Council.

7. **Notice of Motion - Right to Speak at Meetings** (Pages 29 - 32)

To consider the motion referred by Council.

8. **Notice of Motion - Confidentiality** (Pages 33 - 50)

To consider the motion referred by Council.

9. **Notice of Motion - Start Time of Council Public Meetings** (Pages 51 - 52)

To consider the motion referred by Council.

10. **New Outside Organisation - the Nantwich Partnership** (Pages 53 - 64)

To consider appointments to the Nantwich Partnership.

11. **Council Governance Arrangements** (Pages 65 - 94)

To consider a report on proposed changes to the governance arrangements of the Council.

12. **Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012** (Pages 95 - 110)

To consider a report which outlines the new provisions introduced by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, and which informs Members of amendments to current practice to ensure compliance with the new provisions.

13. **Scheme of Members' Allowances: Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel** (Pages 111 - 136)

Cheshire East Council's Independent Remuneration Panel ('the Panel') is nearing the completion of its 2012 review of the Scheme of Members' Allowances.

During the course of the review, the Panel has met with several elected Members, most recently on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 with the Leader of the Council and the Council's Interim Chief Executive. Accordingly, the Panel gives notice that it now has sufficient information available to it to complete its review and make recommendations to Constitution Committee for consideration by Council in December.

It is anticipated that the Panel's final report will be published in the next few days.