

Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 14th May, 2014
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: The Tenants' Hall, Tatton Park, Knutsford

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. **Prayers**

2. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

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. **Election of Mayor 2014/15**

To elect a Mayor for 2014/15, who will also act as Chairman of the Council.

5. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2014/15**

To appoint a Deputy Mayor for 2014/15, who will also act as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

6. **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain**

7. **Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor**

8. **Mayor's Announcements**

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

Adjournment for Lunch and Reconvening of Meeting at 1.45pm

9. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any further apologies for absence.

10. **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 for the afternoon session of the meeting.

11. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2014 as a correct record.

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

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35 and Appendix 7 to the rules, a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to speak at Council meetings.

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.

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.

13. **Appointments to the Cabinet/Leader's Announcements**

In accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules, for the Leader to present to Council information about executive functions in the forthcoming year, including the names, addresses and electoral divisions of those Members appointed to Cabinet.

Details of the Leader's appointments to the Cabinet and the functions delegated to the Cabinet will be circulated at the meeting.

14. **Recommendation from Constitution Committee: The Council's Decision Making and Governance Arrangements** (Pages 9 - 74)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee.

15. **Political Representation on the Council's Committees** (Pages 75 - 78)

To determine the political group representation on the Council's Committees.

16. **Appointment of Members to Committees** (Pages 79 - 80)

To receive the political groups' nominations of Members to the Council's Committees, in accordance with item 15 above.

17. **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen** (Pages 81 - 82)

To appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Council's Committees

18. **Appointments to Adoption Panel and Fostering Panel** (Pages 83 - 86)

To approve the appointments to Statutory Panels which do not fall within the definition of "a Committee".

19. **Appointments to Cheshire Fire Authority and the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel** (Pages 87 - 90)

To make appointments to the Cheshire Fire Authority and the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel.

20. **Recommendation from Constitution Committee: Cheshire/Wirral/Merseyside - Joint Scrutiny Arrangements** (Pages 91 - 108)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee

21. **Recommendation from Constitution Committee: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places** (Pages 109 - 118)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee

22. **Recommendation from Constitution Committee: Council Constitution - Revision to Scheme of Delegation to Officers** (Pages 119 - 172)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee

23. **Reaffirmation of the Council's Constitution** (Pages 173 - 174)

To reaffirm the Council's Constitution.

24. **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.

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.