

Constitution Committee

Agenda

Date: **Wednesday, 5th June, 2013**
Time: **10.00 am**
Venue: **West Committee Room - Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ**

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 26th April 2013.

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5. **Transparency** (Pages 7 - 10)

To consider a report updating the Committee on the work that is going on across the authority to encourage openness and transparency, and in particular in response to the Protection of Freedoms Act, which came into force in November 2012. The report also invites the Committee to give further consideration to a Notice of Motion on Confidentiality which it considered previously at its meeting on 26th November 2012.

6. **General Discussion on the Constitution**

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have proposed that the Committee have a general discussion about the Constitution to suggest ways in which it could be improved. There is no report for this item.

THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS