

# Council Agenda

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**Date:** Thursday, 17th December, 2015  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** The Ballroom, Sandbach Town Hall, High Street, Sandbach,  
CW11 1AX

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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**
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. **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 22 October 2015** (Pages 1 - 16)

To approve the minutes as a correct record.

5. **Mayor's Announcements**

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

6. **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.

7. **Recommendation from Cabinet - Council Tax Support Scheme 2016-17** (Pages 17 - 100)

To consider the recommendation from Cabinet.

8. **Recommendation from Cabinet - Council Tax Base 2016/17** (Pages 101 - 108)

To consider the recommendation from Cabinet.

9. **Recommendation from Cabinet - Revised Statement of Gambling Principles** (Pages 109 - 158)

To consider the recommendation from Cabinet.

10. **Recommendation from Cabinet in respect of the Mid-year Review of Performance** (Pages 159 - 236)

To consider the recommendation from Cabinet.

11. **Report by the Local Government Ombudsman** (Pages 237 - 258)

To consider the content of the report and to note the actions taken subsequent to the Local Government Ombudsman findings.

12. **Recommendation from the Constitution Committee - Calendar of Meetings 2016/17** (Pages 259 - 266)

To consider the recommendation from the Constitution Committee.

13. **Recommendation from the Staffing Committee - Appointment of Director of Legal/Monitoring Officer** (Pages 267 - 268)

To endorse the appointment of Mr Bill Norman, as the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer.

14. **Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2014/15** (Pages 269 - 286)

To receive the Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2014/15.

15. **Extension to the appointment of two Independent Persons** (Pages 287 - 290)

To approve the extension to the appointment of two independent persons currently appointed to work with the Monitoring Officer and the Audit and Governance Committee on standards matters, in accordance with the Council's code of conduct procedure.

16. **Outcome of Standards Hearing** (Pages 291 - 298)

To note the report.

17. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 299 - 300)

To consider any Notices of Motion that have been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 12

18. **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.

19. **Leader's Announcements**

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