

Council Agenda

Date: Thursday, 25th February, 2016
Friday, 26 February 2016

Time: 10.00 am on each day

Venue: Crewe Alexandra Football Club, Gresty Road, Crewe, CW2 6EB

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 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 Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 10)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2015.

5. **Mayor's Announcements**

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

6. **Public Speaking Time for the items to be Considered on 25 February 2016**

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.

It should be noted the members of the public wishing to speak on Local Plan matters will have an opportunity to do so at the reconvened meeting, commencing at 10am on Friday 26 February 2016 (See agenda item 20).

7. **Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2016/17 Civic Year** (Pages 11 - 12)

To approve the designation of Councillor Olivia Hunter as the Mayor Elect and that a second Member be designated as the Deputy Mayor Elect, with a view to their formal election and appointment as Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Cheshire East for 2016-17, at the Mayor Making ceremony to be held on 11 May 2016.

8. **Election of Leader of the Council** (Pages 13 - 14)

To elect a Leader of the Council for a four year term of office

9. **Recommendation from Cabinet : 2015/16 Three Quarter Year Review** (Pages 15 - 88)

To consider the recommendation from Cabinet.

10. **Recommendation from Cabinet : The Council's Corporate Plan 2016/20 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/19** (Pages 89 - 296)

To consider the recommendations from Cabinet.

11. **Recommendation from Cabinet: Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2016/17** (Pages 297 - 326)

To consider the recommendations from Cabinet

12. **Council Tax Statutory Resolution 2016/17** (Pages 327 - 342)

To set the Council Tax for Cheshire East Council for the financial year 2016/17, in accordance with the formal resolutions as shown in section 13 of the report.

13. **Recommendation from Staffing Committee: Pay Policy Statement 2016/17** (Pages 343 - 354)

To consider the recommendation from Staffing Committee.

14. **Recommendations from Constitution Committee : Proposals to Further the Council's Efforts to be More Open** (Pages 355 - 368)

To consider the recommendations from the Constitution Committee.

15. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 369 - 370)

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

16. **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.

17. **Adjournment of Meeting**

For Council to agree that the meeting be adjourned until 10.00 am on Friday 26 February 2016 in order to deal with the remainder of the business on the agenda

Reconvening of Meeting - 10.00 am, Friday 26 February 2016

18. **Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

19. **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, which may not have been disclosed on 25 February 2016.

20. **Public Speaking Time for the Items to be considered on 26 February 2016**

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

This will be in respect of items to be considered on 26 February 2016 only.

Individuals wishing to speak should register their intention by midnight on Monday 22 February 2016, by contacting the officer listed at the foot of this agenda and provide an indication of the issue in respect of which they wish to speak.

In so far as it is possible, the Mayor will allow speakers to speak at the beginning of the morning and afternoon session in which it is intended that the item will be dealt with, as listed below:-

Morning (from 10am onwards):

Introduction, Strategic Policies, Crewe, Macclesfield, Alsager, Congleton, Handforth (including New Settlement), Knutsford, Middlewich, Nantwich

Afternoon (after 1pm):

Poynton, Sandbach, Wilmslow, Other Sites & settlements

Note – These are indicative times only and it is possible that items listed for the morning session may carry over to the afternoon session.

21. **Cheshire East Local Plan** (Pages 371 - 390)

To consider a report and recommendations on the Cheshire East Local Plan.

Members are reminded to bring their copy of the documentation to the meeting.

The documents referred to in the report may be accessed via the links in the report. A limited number of paper copies of the document will be available at the meeting for members of the public to refer to but not to take away.

Copies of the documents are available to purchase on request. For further details contact the officer listed at the foot of this agenda.

Copies of the documentation are also available for public inspection at the following locations:

- The Customer Centre, Town Hall, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA
- The Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ
- The Council Headquarters, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

22. **Leader's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Leader