

# Cabinet

## Agenda

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**Date:** Tuesday, 7th February, 2017  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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 in the report.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cabinet meetings are webcast and the recording of the webcast will remain available for public viewing on the Council's website.

### **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 body in question. 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. **Questions to Cabinet Members**

A period of 20 minutes is allocated for questions to be put to Cabinet Members by members of the Council. Notice of questions need not be given in advance of the meeting. Questions must relate to the powers, duties or responsibilities of the Cabinet. Questions put to Cabinet Members must relate to their portfolio responsibilities.

The Leader will determine how Cabinet question time should be allocated where there are a number of Members wishing to ask questions. Where a question relates to a matter which appears on the agenda, the Leader may allow the question to be asked at the beginning of consideration of that item.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

6. **Connected Communities - Connected to Neighbourhoods** (Pages 11 - 20)

To consider a report on the Connected to Neighbourhoods theme which is part of the Council's Connected Communities Strategy.

7. **2016/17 Third Quarter Review of Performance** (Pages 21 - 88)

To consider a report on how the Council is managing resources to provide value for money for its residents during 2016/17.

8. **The Council's Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/20**  
(Pages 89 - 410)

To consider the Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy for Cheshire East Council for the years 2017/18 to 2019/20.

9. **Treasury Management Strategy and MRP Statement 2017/18** (Pages 411 - 438)

To consider a report on the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2017/18.

10. **Poynton Relief Road - Procurement Strategy** (Pages 439 - 466)

To consider a report on the options available to the Council to procure a contractor to deliver the relief road.

11. **Poynton Relief Road - Statutory Process** (Pages 467 - 478)

To consider a report on the anticipated cost of the scheme and the funding required.

12. **Bus Service Review Project - Statement of Methodology** (Pages 479 - 494)

To consider a report on the proposed methodology to complete a Borough-wide review of the need for supported local bus services in Cheshire East.

13. **Cultural Framework** (Pages 495 - 514)

To consider a report which presents the Cultural Framework as a key pillar in delivering the Council's strategic priority of 'Quality of Place'.

14. **The Northern Gateway Partnership and Growth Strategy** (Pages 515 - 534)

To consider a progress report on the work of the Northern Gateway Partnership. The report includes a governance structure for the Partnership.

15. **Connecting Cheshire - Digital 2020 Programme** (Pages 535 - 560)

To consider a report on a three year programme of work to enhance access to digital technology for small and medium-sized enterprises and residents in the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership area.

16. **Review of 2017/18 Schools Funding Formula** (Pages 561 - 566)

To consider a report which sets out the proposed local schools funding formula for 2017/18 for approval following consideration of the options by the Cheshire East Schools Forum.

17. **Early Years National Funding Formula** (Pages 567 - 576)

To consider a report which seeks approval to amend the funding to schools, private, voluntary and independent sector providers of the free early education entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in line with revised government guidance.

18. **Equality and Diversity Strategy 2017- 2020** (Pages 577 - 602)

To consider a report which presents the Equality and Diversity Strategy for 2017-2020.

**THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS**