

Constitution Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 24th November, 2016
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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 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. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 3 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2016.

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5. **Overview and Scrutiny Committees - Review of Structure** (Pages 11 - 22)

To consider proposals to reduce the number of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to better align committees to the Corporate and Cabinet structures.

6. **Calendar of Meetings for 2017-18** (Pages 23 - 28)

To consider the draft Calendar of Meetings for 2017/18.

7. **Nomination of Members to Committees** (Pages 29 - 32)

To consider a report which aims to simplify the process for the nomination of Members to the Council's committees.

8. **The Functions of the Public Rights of Way Committee** (Pages 33 - 38)

To consider a report on the functions of the Public Rights of Way Committee.

9. **The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014** (Pages 39 - 48)

To consider a report which outlines the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and related legislation in the context of contemporaneously recording, webcasting and offering social media commentary on the council's decision-making meetings. The report also highlights best practice developed by other authorities.

10. **Future Work Programme Items**

- Review of Delegations to Planning Committees and Planning Officers

THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS