

# Council Agenda

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**Date:** Thursday 24th February 2022  
**Time:** 3.00 pm  
**Venue:** Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe. CW1 2BB

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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.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making meetings are audio recorded and the recordings are uploaded to 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. **Minutes of Previous Meetings** (Pages 5 - 24)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the special meeting of Council and the ordinary meeting of Council held on 15 December 2021.

4. **Mayor's Announcements**

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

5. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, a total period of 30 minutes is allocated for members of the public to speak at Council meetings. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 2 minutes, but the Chair will have discretion to vary this requirement where they consider it appropriate.

Members of the public wishing to speak are required to provide notice of this at least three clear working days' in advance of the meeting and should include the question with that notice.

6. **Leader's and Deputy Leader's Announcements**

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

7. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Medium Term Financial Strategy** (Pages 25 - 38)

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

*Note: The appendices for the Medium-Term Financial Strategy report have been circulated as a separate document to all members of the Council. Members are asked to bring these to the meeting and use this version of the documents when the item is considered at the meeting.*

8. **Council Tax Statutory Resolution** (Pages 39 - 54)

To set the Council Tax for Cheshire East for the financial year 2022/23.

9. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Pay Policy Statement 2022/23** (Pages 55 - 70)

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

10. **Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Calendar of Meetings 2022/23** (Pages 71 - 100)

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee and approve the calendar of meetings for the municipal year 2022/23.

11. **High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill Petition** (Pages 101 - 118)

To consider whether to petition against the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill.

12. **Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund** (Pages 119 - 124)

To approve a fully funded Supplementary Capital Estimate.

13. **Political Representation on the Council's Committees** (Pages 125 - 130)

To determine the political representation on the Council's Committees.

14. **Nomination of Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2022/23 Civic Year** (Pages 131 - 134)

To nominate a Mayor for 2022/23, who will also act as Chairman of the Council, and to nominate a Deputy Mayor for 2022/23.

15. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 135 - 136)

To consider any Notices of Motion that have been received in accordance the Council Procedure Rules.

16. **Questions**

In accordance with paragraph 1.19 of the Council Procedure Rules, opportunity is provided for Members of the Council to ask the Mayor or the Chair of a Committee any question about a matter which the Council, or the Committee has powers, duties or responsibilities.

At Council meeting, there will be a maximum question time period of 30 minutes. A period of two minutes will be allowed for each Councillor wishing to ask a question. The Mayor will have the discretion to vary this requirement where they consider it appropriate.

17. **Reporting of Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive** (Pages 137 - 138)

To note the urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive on behalf of Council.

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**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a special meeting of the **Council**  
held on Wednesday, 15th December, 2021 in the Crewe Lifestyle Centre,  
Moss Square, Crewe. CW1 2BB

**PRESENT**

Councillor S Pochin (Mayor/Chair)

Councillor D Marren (Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair)

Councillors Q Abel, S Akers Smith, Anderson, J Bratherton, S Brookfield, D Brown, C Browne, J Buckley, B Burkhill, J Clowes, S Corcoran, S Davies, T Dean, D Edwardes, S Edgar, B Evans, JP Findlow, R Fletcher, A Gage, S Gardiner, L Gilbert, M Goldsmith, A Gregory, P Groves, S Hogben, S Holland, D Jefferay, A Kolker, C Leach, N Mannion, A Martin, A Moran, R Moreton, D Murphy, J Nicholas, K Parkinson, P Redstone, J Rhodes, J Saunders, M Sewart, M Simon, L Smetham, D Stockton, A Stott, L Wardlaw, M Warren, J Weatherill, P Williams and N Wylie

**38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors M Addison, R Bailey, L Braithwaite, P Butterill, S Handley, G Hayes, A Harewood, M Hunter, L Jeuda, I Macfarlane, B Murphy, J Smith, L Smith and R Vernon.

**39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**40 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Honorary Alderman Ron Salmon, a former councillor on Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council. Members stood for a minutes silence in tribute.

**41 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN/WOMEN, HONORARY FREEMEN/ WOMEN AND RELATED CIVIC ISSUES**

Consideration was given to the appointment of past members of the Council as Honorary Aldermen/Women and the appointment of Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic medallists with close links to the Borough of Cheshire East as Honorary Freeman/Women.

It was proposed and seconded and upon the agreement of more than two-thirds of the Councillors present it was :-

**RESOLVED:**

- 1 Recognising the meritorious service to the Cheshire East community over many years, and to implement the resolution of the Constitution Committee held on 21st November 2019, the following former Members of the Council be appointed as Honorary Aldermen/Women of the Borough:  
Mrs Rhoda Bailey  
Mr Gary Barton  
Mr Gordon Baxendale  
Mr Derek Bebbington  
Mr Harold Davenport  
Mrs Hilda Gaddum  
Mr Simon McCrory  
Mr Jamie Macrae  
Mr Rod Menlove  
Mrs Gill Merry  
Mr Barry Moran  
Mr Howard Murray  
Mr Michael Parsons  
Mr George Walton
- 2 Recognising their success at the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics and the example that they set to others, the following be appointed as Freeman/Women of the Borough:  
Ms Karris Artingstall  
Mr Jody Cundy OBE  
Mr John Gimson  
Mr Stuart Wood
- 3 That subject to any Coronavirus restrictions the Mayor host a civic reception on or before Mayor Making 2022 to formally make the awards of Honorary Freeman/Women and Aldermen/Women and to award Councillor Barry Burkhill and his Mayoress with medals to mark their period in office.

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am and concluded at 11.09 am

Councillor S Pochin  
Mayor/Chair

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### **Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor, in summary

- 1 welcomed the newly appointed Executive Director of Children's Services – Deborah Woodcock, and the Director of Policy and Change – Sarah Bullock, to the Council.
- 2 reported on her charity drinks party held at Dorfold Hall which had raised £23,500 for her charity: Hopes and Beams.
- 3 reported that she had attended a number of carol services and recommended going to see the pantomime Sleeping Beauty on at the Crewe Lyceum theatre.
- 4 acknowledged that Councillor Suzie Akers Smith was standing in the North Shropshire parliamentary by election and wished her well.
- 5 was conscious that the agenda had 17 items on due to the cancellation of the November full Council meeting and stated, that whilst it was important not to restrict debate, it was important to be mindful of the risks of lengthy contact between a large membership present and asked that Members did not make unduly lengthy speeches.

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**43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**44 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**45 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

Mr Andrew Wood stated that since the last meeting he had spoken with the Director of Growth & Enterprise and following this discussion he felt that if the Government wanted the economy to grow, it should be putting money into the Economy and Growth department as this was where people went for help. It could then could employ more staff and help more people in the community.

Laura Turner asked why the Council had not, in her view, followed its objectives and had failed the town of Middlewich. She asked that members of the Council meet with Middlewich residents to listen to what they had to say. Councillor S Corcoran, Leader of the Council, responded by saying that ward councillors for Middlewich were working hard to support the residents and the Town and asked that she work with the ward councillors. The Deputy Leader, Councillor C Browne, drew attention to the previous week's meeting of the Highways and Transport Committee which had approved legal orders to enable the Middlewich Bypass to go ahead. He offered to meet with ward councillors and Middlewich Town Council.

Congleton Town Councillor Robert Douglas urged all Councillors to support the Motion being proposed by Councillors Murphy and Buckley to authorise the Environment and Communities Committee to carry out a full investigation of the costs and feasibility of a replacement site for the residents of Congleton and surrounding areas.

Sue Helliwell asked if the Council could confirm what was the estimated number of premature deaths in Cheshire East due to poor air quality, specifically in Sandbach and Alsager, and asked if the Council could confirm that the air quality measurement had been abandoned on Middlewich Road, Sandbach. Councillor M Warren, Chair of the Environment and Communities Committee responded that the Council had a responsibility to review and assess air quality in its area against the



national air quality objectives, and must produce an Air Quality Annual Status Report that reviewed trends in local air quality data over the previous year and progress on the delivery of its air quality action plans. The 2021 Annual Status Report had recently been published on the Council's website. The Report did not include a requirement to estimate the number of premature deaths within the local authority attributable to air pollution. Public Health England had published this data in the past, with the last set of data published in 2019. He confirmed that air quality monitoring continued to be undertaken at two locations on Middlewich Road in Sandbach and that the monthly data could be viewed on the Council's website.

Macclesfield Town Councillor Fiona Wilson sought assistance in resolving issues following the removal of several roads in Macclesfield from the winter gritting routes and stated that the Council had agreed to pay for the gritting of these routes. She suggested that the Council had refused to grant permission for this to happen. Councillor C Browne, Chair of Highways and Transport Committee, undertook to provide a written response.

Nicholas Dinham had submitted a statement asking for the re-establishment the Pathfinder Service and asked what steps the Administration proposed to take to ensure that those unfortunate enough to need the help of Social Services were adequately supported. He indicated that this would maximise income for the Council via assessed charges and would not let down the most vulnerable in society who are unable to advocate for themselves. Councillor J Rhodes, Chair of Adult and Health Committee, responded by stating that the Pathfinder Service provided a much wider role than providing financial help, and filling in forms. It was commissioned for two years and extended for a short time whilst a strategic review took place and the contract ended in May 2021 and been replaced with other services including a contract with the Citizens Advice Bureau to provide financial advice. Councillor Rhodes stated that there would be an investigation into the matters raised and a written reply would be sent to Mr Dinham.

Stuart Redgard stated that since October he had identified failings in the Highways Department and had received Council correspondence which he stated contained incorrect information. He stated that he also felt that the Council was breaching the Equality Act and the Health and Safety Act by taking so long to update to update the street lighting inventory. Councillor C Browne, Chair of Highways and Transport Committee, undertook to provide a written response.

#### 46 **LEADER'S AND DEPUTY LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader, in summary:

1       wished everybody a Merry Christmas

- 2 stated that he regretted that the Government still refused to allow remote meetings for Councils and thanked all the Groups for their support to try to get the Government to allow remote meetings and said that he continued to lobby on this issue.
- 3 reported that the latest Covid-19 infection rate in Cheshire East was 447 per 100,000 and that it had been around this rate for some weeks. Rates in teenagers had been at over 3000 per 100,000 but the infection rate was now spread across the age groups with only the over 70s being under 100.
- 4 reported that a case of the Omicron variant had been report in Cheshire East and that it was not yet know if this variant was more or less severe but he had seen evidence that it was more infections than the Delta variant. He fully supported the wearing of a face covering in an indoor space to help stop the spread of infection.
- 5 reported that hospital admissions remained low and encouraged residents to get vaccinated, to get the booster and the flu vaccine as well. In the last week 4 residents in Cheshire East had died within 28 days of a positive test.
- 6 reported that HM Inspectorate of Probation has rated the Cheshire Youth Justice Services as good overall with outstanding ratings in areas of document and governance and joint working and thanked all who worked in this service.
- 7 thanked all Council staff for keeping services going during the pandemic.

The Deputy Leader, in summary

- 1 referred to the A51 carriageway reconstruction project and reported that works would be completed on schedule and the road would re-open on Friday 17 December.
- 2 reported that work on the Poynton Relief Road was progressing well and had had the opportunity to walk along part of the route. The project remained on target to be finished next Autumn.
- 3 reported that S106 agreements had been signed on land parcels in north west Crewe to allow the delivery of the scheme known as the North West Crewe Package, which aimed to aim to improve transport links in Crewe and help ease congestion and improve access to Leighton Hospital.
- 4 welcomed the publication of the Integrated Rail Plan along with the decision to progress with the northern link of HS2 but was disappointed with continued delays to the project.

- 5 following the focused OFSTED inspection in early November, reported that the Inspectors had identified the quality of the Council social work with vulnerable children and families as improved.
- 6 reported that the Council's website had been relaunched making it easier and quicker to access services, with an improved site search facility and improved accessibility standards. The feedback received had been positive and he thanked the Web Team for the work they had done in preparing for the launch of the new site.

47 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE:  
INTERIM REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM**

Consideration was given to the report to Council and the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee, which met on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021, in relation to the interim review of the Committee.

During debate an amendment was proposed to the Constitution Appendix relating to Public Speaking in the Procedure Rules (Chapter 3 – Part 1: Section 2, page 31) to amend paragraph 1 to read:

*“ There will a period of up to 30 minutes for public questions at meetings of the full Council.”*

The amendment was moved and seconded. The mover and seconder of the recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee to Council agreed to accept the amendment and therefore the amendment became part of the substantive proposition.

**RESOLVED:** That Council

- 1 note the current and comparative data and the commentary so far.
- 2 note the proposals for delivery of further constitutional reform through the Constitution Working Group, supported by the Brighter Future Transformation Programme.
- 3 agree the revisions to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 4 to the Report, the additional changes to the Constitution reported at the Corporate Policy Committee on 4 November 2021, and the amendment to the Public Speaking Appendix in the Procedural Rules.
- 4 Require a further review to be provide to the Council and annually thereafter.

## 48 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE: COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2022/23**

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Corporate Policy Committee, which met on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, in relation to the Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23 be amended as follows:

- Increase the cap on the maximum award from Band B to Band D (those living in a property banded higher than a D will receive the same amount those living in a Band D)
- Increase the maximum award for those passported to 100% from 75%. Passporting covers those in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance (Income-based), Employment and Support Allowance (Income-related) or Income Support. Also increase the maximum for other groups in the lowest income bands to 80% from 75%, and revise the bands as follows and continue to increase the income levels by CPI each year:

48	Single	49	Couple	50	Couple / lone parent with 1 child	51	Couple / lone parent with 2 or more children	52	Maximum award
53	£0 - £97	54	£0 - £140	55	£0 - £200	56	£0 - £290	57	80%
58	£97.01-£115	59	£140.01-£170	60	£200.01-£230	61	£290.01-£320	62	60%
63	£115.01-£140	64	£170.01-£200	65	£230.01-£260	66	£320.01-£350	67	45%
68	£140.01-£165	69	£200.01-£230	70	£260.01-£290	71	£350.01-£380	72	30%
73	£165.01-£190	74	£230.01-£260	75	£290.01-£320	76	£380.01-£410	77	15%

*1 Income bands, categories, and awards for 2022/23*

- Disregard Industrial Injuries Disablement benefit and Industrial Death benefit in full
- Deduct from earnings for child-care costs from those working and in receipt of Universal Credit: maximum of £175 for one child or £300 for two or more children each week
- Increase the fixed non-dependant deductions from £8 to £9 per week and increase each year in line with CPI (the same as the income bands)
- Reduce the earnings disregard for single people and couples without children to £20 instead of £25 per week
- Re-write the regulations in a clearer way and allow for more general disregards of new one-off grants.

**49 RECOMMENDATION FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE:  
DOMESTIC TAX BASE 2022/23**

Consideration was given to the recommendations of Corporate Policy Committee on 2 December 2021 in relation to the domestic tax base 2022/23.

**RESOLVED:**

That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Taxbase) Regulations 1992, the amount to be calculated by Cheshire East Council as its Council taxbase for the year 2022/23 be 156,607.48 for the whole area.

**50 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE: 2021/22  
FINANCIAL YEAR UPDATE**

The Finance Sub Committee, at its meeting on 1 December 2021, had considered a report on how the Council was managing resources during the 2021/22 financial year and had made recommendations to full Council to approve fully funded supplementary revenue estimates over £1,000,000 as detailed in Appendix 1 Section 3 Table 1 to the report; to approve fully funded supplementary revenue estimates for specific grants coded directly to services over £1,000,000 as detailed in Appendix 1 Section 3 Table 2 to the report, and to approve supplementary capital estimates over £1,000,000 as detailed in Appendix 1 Section 5 Table 6 to the report.

**RESOLVED:** That, in accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules,

- 1 the supplementary revenue estimates over £1,000,000, as detailed in Appendix 1 Section 3 Table 1, be approved;
- 2 the fully funded supplementary revenue estimates for specific grants coded directly to services over £1,000,000, as detailed in Appendix 1 Section 3 Table 2, be approved; and
- 3 the supplementary capital estimates over £1,000,000, as detailed in Appendix 1 Section 5 Table 6, be approved.

**51 RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:  
PROCUREMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Audit and Governance Committee, at its meeting on 25 November 2021 had considered the proposals for the Procurement for External Audit Services and had made a recommendation to full Council to accept the invitation from Public Sector Audit Appointments to 'opt in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2023.

**RESOLVED:**

That Council accepts the invitation from Public Sector Audit Appointments to 'opt in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2023.

**52 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

The present Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, Councillor Margaret Simon, introduced the Committee's Annual Report for 2020/21 and then invited Councillor Rod Fletcher, Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee in 2020/21 to present the Annual Report to Council.

The report provided details of the work undertaken by the Committee and the assurances received during that year.

The Annual Report 2020/21 was received and noted

**53 CONNECTING CHESHIRE ACCELERATED GRANT FUNDING**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of a supplementary capital estimate for £2m grant funding from Building Digital UK (BDUK) to accelerate and extend the roll out of superfast broadband across the whole of Cheshire and Warrington.

Cheshire East Council was the Accountable Body for the Connecting Cheshire Partnership. The grant funding was required to be used to extend an existing contract with Airband to increase this contracts capacity to connect households in both Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester boroughs.

**RESOLVED:** That Council

- 1 accept the £2m grant funding from BDUK
- 2 note that BDUK had attached two conditions to this new funding:
  - an outline model of how the contractor (Airband) intends to use the indicative £2m grant allocation, is provided
  - that the Authority renew its commitment to the existing policy of ringfencing gainshare arising from previous Connecting Cheshire contracts for use on digital investment across Cheshire
- 3 note that the Finance Sub Committee in December 2021 has recommended approval of the £2m Supplementary Capital Estimate, presented as part of the 2021/22 Financial Year Review.
- 4 approve a Supplementary Capital Estimate for £2m.

- 5 delegate authority to the Director - Economy and Growth to agree the terms on which the grant is offered and enter into a grant agreement to incur expenditure and activity in line with the conditions associated with the accelerated funding grant.

54 **EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST CAPACITY FOR SUPPORTING SEN LEARNERS**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice (VEAT) in relation to the recruitment of Educational Psychologists.

Due to the shortage of staff in the Education Psychologists Service, an innovative Recruitment and Retention strategy had been developed and included the supporting of trainee Education Psychologists through to qualification. However, until the strategy was fully implanted, there was a need to provide a direct award to appropriate Locum Education Psychologists companies over a five-year period. The Council could use a VEAT notice to directly award a contract without formal competition.

**RESOLVED:**

That approval is given for a Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency Notice with a maximum contract value of £2.5 million to serve the Educational Psychologists Service over the next five years (up to 31 August 2026).

55 **WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FUND FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

Consideration was given to a report relating to the Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund.

The purpose of the Workforce and Retention Fund was to support local authorities to address capacity pressures within the adult social care workforce in their geographical area, through recruitment and retention activities during the winter months.

The Council had been awarded £982,203 from the Workforce Capacity Fund for Adult Social Care for Local Authorities and approval was sought for a grant funded supplementary revenue estimate.

**RESOLVED:** That

- 1 a grant funded Supplementary Revenue Estimate be made, for the 2021/22 Financial Year, of £982,203 to be funded from the DHSC Workforce Capacity Fund for Adult Social Care for Local Authorities allocation for Cheshire East Council.
- 2 the Executive Director Adults, Health and Integration be authorised to spend the money in accordance with the conditions of the fund.

56 NOTICES OF MOTION

Consideration was given to the following Notices of Motion, which had been submitted in accordance with the Council's Procedure Rules.

**1 Second Winter Gritting Consultation**

**Proposed by Councillor Janet Clowes and Seconded by Councillor Tony Dean**

*We propose that:*

1. *In line with Cheshire East Council's Policy Decision of 2014, the results of the Second Winter Gritting Consultation, conducted in 2020 as a result of the call-in to the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee, is published on the Cheshire East Website, together with a full report that includes:*
  - a) *Who was invited to take part in the Consultation.*
  - b) *Who responded to the Consultation.*
  - c) *What documentation was provided to those selected to respond to the consultation*
  - d) *How the information, presented by respondents, was evaluated by Cheshire East Highways to inform the current Winter Gritting and Adverse Weather Strategy.*
- 2 *That as a result of the Consultation, Cheshire East Council publishes details of the well-maintained highways metrics used to determine which routes remained on the gritting schedules, but importantly, which routes did not remain on the gritting schedule as a result of this consultation and its findings.*  
[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/council\\_information/consultations/consultation-results/consultations\\_results.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/consultation-results/consultations_results.aspx)

*"As part of the Council's commitment to transparency, from August 2014 we will feedback the results of consultations and surveys undertaken by the Council, from a single location".*

*References:*

*Cabinet 4 February 2020:*

[Well-Managed Highways Infrastructure](#)

*Environment and Regeneration Committee 16 March 2020:*

[Call in of Cabinet Decision - Well Managed Highways Infrastructure](#)

**RESOLVED:**

That the Motion be referred to the appropriate Committee.



## **2 Low Carbon Advertising**

**Proposed by Councillor Brian Puddicombe and Seconded by Councillor Quentin Abel**

*This Council notes*

- *It is possible for local authorities to implement advertising policies against specific products if they consider them to be harmful to the amenity of an area.*
- *The Council holds an Advertising Concession Agreement with Clear Channel UK (Adshel) to provide advertising on bus shelters.*
- *The Council promotes advertising opportunities on roundabouts across the Borough.*
- *That as a Local Planning Authority this Council is responsible for planning consent for advertising infrastructure.*

*This Council believes*

- *That the purpose of advertising is to stimulate demand for goods and services.*
- *That some advertising content undermines the Council's objectives regarding public health, air pollution and sustainable consumption.*

*This Council resolves*

- *To review its Advertising Concession Agreement to investigate the current set of prohibitions to include products that undermine the Council's objectives regarding public health, air pollution and sustainable consumption.*
- *To implement a Low Carbon Advertising Policy as part of the Council's planning policies to apply to bus stops, billboards and advertising spaces within the jurisdiction of the local planning area.*
- *To adopt a presumption against planning applications for all new digital advertising screens due to the high electricity use of these technologies.*

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Motion be referred to the appropriate Committee.

### **3 Integrated Rail Plan**

**Proposed by Councillor Rachel Bailey and Seconded by Councillor M Sewart.**

*Government announced its Integrated Rail Plan on 18 November 2021, a plan which delivers the Crewe Hub ambition of 5 to 7 high speed trains an hour.*

*“In light of this commitment to Crewe, I propose that this Council accepts that its Policy Committee decision, taken on 4 November, was premature, and calls for an update to be provided no later than July 2022 Council.”*

*References:*

[Integrated Rail Plan for the North and the Midlands](#)

*Corporate Policy Committee 4 November 2021:*

[HS2 Update](#)

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Motion be referred to the appropriate Committee.

### **4 Investigation of Costs and Feasibility of a Replacement Recycling Site at Congleton**

**Proposed by Councillor Denis Murphy and Seconded by Councillor June Buckley**

*This Council authorises the full Environment and Communities Committee to carry out a full investigation to ascertain the detailed costs and feasibility of an alternative replacement recycling site for the residents of Congleton and surrounding areas following the closure of the former Congleton recycling site in September 2021.*

*This detailed investigation should also give full consideration to the replacement recycling site to include the provision of a reuse and repair facility as part of this Council's policy and commitment to work with communities to reduce carbon.*

*This investigation should also fully consider all potential suitable locations for such a permanent replacement recycling site including all those sites identified as being suitable in the report issued by consultants to the previous Cheshire East Council Administration in 2018 at a cost of about £ 50,000.*

*The full Environment and Communities Committee to provide a full report of its conclusions from these detailed investigations to full Council for its consideration no later than 30th June 2022.*

#### *Background*

*On 4th May 2021, Cheshire East Council's cabinet decided not to replace the recycling site for the residents of Congleton and surrounding areas. Cheshire East Council estimated that a replacement recycling site would cost about £ 4 million.*

*In making that decision, Cabinet admitted that the closure of Congleton's Household Waste Recycling Centre would result in a net increase of CO2 emissions of 158.8 tonnes per year every year.*

*Cheshire East Council was asked at that cabinet meeting of May 4th 2021, whether detailed information had been obtained from Norfolk Council to ascertain how they can build a recycling site at their Norwich South site for £ 1.9 million.*

*In response, Councillor Crane advised that Cheshire East Council had contacted Norfolk Council who had confirmed that the cost of £ 1.9 million in relation to their site did not include the purchase of the land or the building of a service road.*

*However, it would appear that the decision made by cabinet regarding not replacing the Congleton recycling site was based on incomplete information.*

*Since that decision was made by cabinet on 4th May 2021, the following additional and relevant information has been obtained by a member of the public concerning the Norwich South recycling site.*

*The Norwich South site at 7,500 sq metres, (1.85 acres), is 4.5 times the size of the former Congleton site of 1,642 sq metres, (0.4 acres).*

*The Norwich South site has a forecast throughput of 15,000 tonnes which is 5.4 times of the throughput of the former Congleton site for the year ended 31st March, 2020 of 2,783 tonnes. Congleton's throughput for the year to March 2020 had not been significantly impacted by Covid19.*

*The former Congleton recycling site only had space for about six cars. The Norwich South site has 46 car park spaces, of which 24 have been widened to 3 metres rather than the standard 2.4 metres to enable users safely take items out of the back doors of their cars.*

*That this cost estimate for the Norwich South site of £ 1.9 million includes a re-use facility of 242 sq metres which is 18.5 metres by 13.1 metres, (61 feet by 43 feet) with solar panels on the roof.*

*Given that in our opinion the original decision in respect of the replacement recycling site for Congleton made by cabinet on 4th May 2021 was based on inadequate information, it is now appropriate that a detailed investigation is carried out by the full Environment and Communities Committee.*

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Motion be referred to the relevant Committee.

#### **4 Single Use Plastics**

**Proposed by Councillor Kate Parkinson and Seconded by Councillor Tony Dean.**

This Council will lead by example by banning single use plastic from its operations.

##### *Background*

*In 2019 this Council agreed to move to Net Zero Carbon by 2025 and has a programme of measures in place to try and meet this deadline. One of the simplest of measures to reduce our carbon footprint, and drastically reduce our potential to pollute the environment with non-biodegradable plastic, would be to cease using single use plastic items. By agreeing this Motion, we can help with the burden of plastic waste which is currently affecting the whole world, and we can also reduce our overall carbon footprint.*

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the Motion be referred to the relevant Committee.

#### **57 QUESTIONS**

Cllr S Carter asked if the road gritting cuts were still open to review at the request of Councillors, and if that review would be achieved using a clear criteria or matrix for their potential reinstatement. He also asked if it could be confirmed that this was a far fairer system than the one inherited from the previous administration and further asked if the Chair of Highways and Transport Committee could write to all the Conservative MPs in the borough asking them for help to find further government funding for road safety. Cllr C Browne, Chair of Highways and Transport Committee, in response stated that any further review of the assessment of routes would be carried out in line with the assessment criteria that had already been published on the Council's website. As a result of the policy change, the Council had moved to a network hierarchy that prioritised areas of the network by importance, taking into account for example their expected use, economic and social factors including industry, schools and hospitals, access to communities and community facilities and this moved away from the traditional prioritisation of the network by road classification. This was consistent with the well managed highway infrastructure code of practice which is endorsed by the Department for Transport and allowed the Council to be considered a band three authority in terms of the incentive funding that was received annually from central government. Cllr Browne confirmed he would be happy to write to the MPs and reported that he, along with the Leader and Chief Executive had quarterly meetings with the five MPs, so there were plenty of opportunities to raise this with them as Councillor Cater has requested.

Cllr R Moreton stated that Congleton Hackney Carriage taxi drivers had only had one increase in the last 12 years, which he had been told was six years ago and was only 20 pence, and was on their standard charge. He

asked if this could be reviewed as a matter of urgency and the relevant committee consult with the drivers to find out a reasonable way forward. He also requested that officers of Cheshire East Council check licences because there were concerns that drivers from out of town were coming in and taking income from local drivers. Cllr D Edwardes, Chair of the Licensing Committee, responded that he would be happy to meet with the Congleton taxi drivers and would ensure that the matter would be discussed at Licencing Committee.

Cllr J Saunders welcomed the proposed £4 million investment in cared for children in the budget consultation and stated there was a need to focus on preventing children coming into care in the first place. Early Help helped target this area but over the next two years the Council was planning to cut the early help given to vulnerable families by £340,000 by making cuts to the number of frontline service workers - the very people who help those children and families who are facing challenges. Early Help contributes to preventing children being taken into care, offers support to children and families and by achieving both of these, it also saved money. She asked the Administration to reconsider their stance on this funding and respond to the Council consultation by supporting the reinstatement of these monies to the early help service as an essential part of the four-million-pound investment. Cllr K Flavell, Chair of Children and Families Committee, responded by saying that she did not support the cuts and had fought against them but it was a case of the savings that had to be made and tried to make sure that those savings were reduced were able to do so to try and support early help. The budget would be discussed at the Children and Families Committee meeting in January 2022.

Cllr S Gardiner stated that Dame Angela Eagle had referred in the House of Commons to a potential link between HIV aids and the omicron variant and asked what action the Public Health team were taking to ensure that the those living with HIV aids were protected and encouraged to take up the booster vaccination. He stated he was happy to accept a written response.

Cllr C Naismith welcomed the funding agreed under item 12 of agenda to expand the roll out of superfast broadband to rural areas but wished to raise that the situation in towns was not particularly "rosy" either. In the Wistaston Road area of his ward in Crewe it was recently reported as receiving an average speed of 0.25 Mbps, which was actually one of the worst speeds in the country. Crewe was an important hub of economic activity and broadband was important for business premises and increasingly remote working. He asked what steps were being taken to ensure that the Council worked with relevant stakeholders and encouraged central government to invest in digital infrastructure so that Crewe and other towns could realise their economic potential. Cllr N Mannion, Chair of Economy and Growth Committee, responded that he would consult with officers and provide Cllr Naismith with a written response with regards to the specific issue of the Wistaston Road area and also the general points raised.

Cllr A Critchley stated that covid rates amongst children were increasing and asked what advice and guidance schools were being given and what additional measures were being put in place. Cllr K Flavell, Chair of Children and Families undertook to provide a detailed written response but stated that meetings with held with the Heads and the school recovery team were regularly updating the guidance in light of what was happening.

Cllr L Wardlaw stated that decision-making on speed management within Cheshire East would come to a halt for almost a year while consultation on a revised strategy took place. The consultation had only begun on 1 December and anticipated implementation was summer 2022 and asked why the current strategy could not remain as the reference document until any new policy was adopted by Council. Cllr C Browne, Chair of Highways and Transport Committee undertook to provide a written response but stated that speed management would continue. A distinction had to be made between where the Council's authority lies and where the responsibility lies in respect of the emergency services, (for example, the police) . The Council had some responsibility for speed management, but not for speed enforcement which lay with the Police.

Cllr R Bailey referred to the winter gritting cuts and stated that in her ward, following three days of icy weather, the non-gritted Coole Lane had seen three accidents and the school bus cancelled. If a review took place and a route was deemed as too expensive not to grit, both in terms of repairs and temporary traffic lights and police and fire service time and resulted in a change, would that route be gritted from here on. Cllr C Browne, Chair of Highways and Transport Committee, responded that the introduction of the policy was about fairness, applying the same criteria across the Borough and not about saving money. Two years ago, the Council actually spent £1.7 million from the revenue budget on winter service treatment, and this year was budgeting to spend £2 million. The matter was due to come to the Highways and Transport Committee for an interim review on the 2 March and then a full further review at the following committee.

Cllr L Crane referred to the Notice of Motion proposed earlier by Cllr D Murphy, requesting a detailed report into providing a replacement waste site in Congleton and stated that it was her understanding that this was already underway as part of the work to put in place a new household waste contract when the current one ended in 2023. She asked if this was correct. Cllr M Warren, Chair of Environment and Communities Committee, responded that the household waste recycling contract was due to start in April 2023 and a waste management board consisting of officers from the council and staff from ANSA has been created to oversee the development of that new contract and part of the process would include consideration of all future provision of household waste recycling provision in the Borough.

Cllr J Rhodes refereed to the Integrated Rail Plan and HS2 and asked if the five to seven trains an hour were guaranteed because she thought that

this related to the trains going north to Leeds. She was not certain how the change in the government policy had affected this and asked if the money for the station was guaranteed. Cllr C Browne, Chair of Highways and Transport Committee, responded that the Integrated rail provided commitment to build the HS2 western leg, and he read out an excerpt from the Plan - "our plans allow the Crewe hub vision to be realised with up to five to seven HS2 trains per hour able to call at Crewe". As things stood no agreement was in place other than a suggestion to extend two platforms and put in place some new signage.

Cllr A Farrall referred to the question asked by Cllr Carter and asked that the Chair of Highways and Transport Committee write an open letter for all councillors to sign in support, to ask our local MPs to make representations on behalf of Cheshire East residents to the Department for Transport for dispensation, or at least no penalty, for additional priority gritting routes in the highway's maintenance incentive fund. Cllr C Browne, Chair of Highways and Transport Committee, responded that he would be happy to do so. He stated that, following the initial review, 345 roads were retained, 218 were removed but 107 new roads that had never been gritted before were added. He stated that the scores that were attributed to some of those, for example in the 218 that were removed, 113 of those roads actually scored zero, which suggested they should never been gritted in the first place. Following the further round of consultation which was carried out in-between September and November last year, with Area Highway Group chairs, schools, cycling groups, Town and Parish Councils and the emergency services, 129 responses were received and a further 43 routes were added. The net reduction was about 68 roads which was approximately 3% of the network.

Cllr S Holland referred to the decision to recommend the Pathfinder Service be decommissioned and replaced by upskilling roles and services within the Council itself thus ensuring and maintaining that Cheshire East residents continue to receive the support needed. However, none of the services recommended to replace Pathfinder supply or substitute what Pathfinder provided for residents and asked that the Council reconsider the decision to revoke the Pathfinder Service so that the most vulnerable residents within our society here in Cheshire East could continue to access vital services. Cllr J Rhodes, Chair of Adult and Health Committee, responded that she had responded to this question under the Public Question item and would report the findings on the case that Council Holland had dealt with, to Councillor Holland when the investigation had been done.

Cllr L Gilbert stated that Central Bedfordshire Council had adopted new legal powers that could result in people being fined if found with their engines left running whilst parked. The Council had said the aim was to improve air quality and support its sustainability plan. He asked the Leader if the Council would commit to arranging for officers to bring forward a similar scheme for Cheshire East. Cllr S Corcoran responded that he had looked at this before and other Councils that had adopted this, had issued very few penalty notices. He thought it was important to look at

enforcement. It was less about climate change and more about health. It was possibly an item which could be discussed at the Environment and Communities Committee where ideas could be put forward about how it could be enforced.

Cllr L Smetham stated her question was in support of Councillor Holland regarding the letter from the resident read out in Public Speaking Time. She stated that the loss of the previous Pathfinder Service was much regretted and had spoken at Cabinet a couple of years ago to plead for the Pathfinder Service which was successful, much needed, and respected. She asked if Cllr Rhodes response to the earlier question could be circulated to all Councillors.

58 **REPORTING OF URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Council received a schedule of urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive on behalf of Council, which were reported for information in accordance with the Council procedure rules.

**RESOLVED:**

That the schedule of urgent decisions be noted.

The meeting commenced at 11.15 am and concluded at 3.10 pm

Councillor S Pochin  
Chair/Mayor



**COUNCIL MEETING – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022****MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022-26****RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approve the items recommended at Appendix A to the report, subject to the following additional recommendations:**

- (a) the Highways and Transport Committee be asked to carry out an immediate and major review of the local and national funding of expenditure of Cheshire East Highways, and that this lead to decisions or recommendations to enhance services and value for money to local residents; and**
- (b) the Capital Programme, on Page 218 of the MTFS agenda pack, be amended to provide that Managing and Maintaining Highways expenditure is increased to £6m in each of 2023/24 and 2024/25 instead of £4m in each year. To balance this amendment, the borrowing costs be funded from correlated savings over the three-year period, achieved from the revenue budget allocated to pothole repairs.**

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Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

71 **MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022-26**

The Committee considered the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for Cheshire East Council for the four years 2022/23 to 2025/26, together with the feedback from the budget consultation. This was the first time that the MTFS had been reported through the new committee system. The Committee was asked to make recommendations to Council as set out in Appendix A to the report.

The Director of Finance and Customer Services advised that the figures within the financial settlement announced by the Government in December for the 2022/23 financial year, which had at the time been provisional, had now been confirmed.

Councillor D Brown spoke as a visiting member and referred to the underfunding of roads, giving rise to excessive amounts of costly pothole repairs. Whilst recognising that his concerns on the matter, as expressed at meetings of other committees, had been addressed by increased capital expenditure on highways over the next four years, he felt that this was still insufficient. He asked the Committee to consider making two additional recommendations to Council as follows:

- (a) That the Committee request the Highways and Transport Committee to carry out an immediate and major review of the local and national funding of expenditure of**

Cheshire East Highways, and that this lead to decisions or recommendations to enhance services and value for money to local residents.

- (b) That the Capital Programme, on Page 218 of the MTFS agenda pack, be amended so that Managing and Maintaining Highways expenditure is increased to £6m in each of 2023/24 and 2024/25 instead of £4m in each year. To balance this amendment, the borrowing costs will be funded from correlated savings over the three-year period, achieved from the revenue budget allocated to pothole repairs.

Whilst concern was expressed about the increased borrowing that this would involve, the need to safeguard savings earmarked for public rights of way and active travel, and the absence of any capital allocation for highways in year four, there was broad support among members for Councillor Brown's proposal, which was moved and seconded by members of the Committee.

The Director of Finance and Customer Services had examined Councillor Brown's proposals and confirmed that the proposals were legal and were technically and financially valid .

In response to questions from members, officers advised as follows:

- The MTFS Reserve was in accord with the constitution.
- All Council money, including reserves, was allocated to committees.

Councillor Fletcher raised concerns about delays in capital expenditure to make improvements to Alsager Town Centre and sought assurances that the matter was progressing. The Chair suggested that he pursue the matter further with officers.

The Chair asked that an item on Movements within the MTFS Reserve be added to the work programme of the Finance Sub-Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That

1 the Committee notes:

- (a) the year-end forecast outturn position for 2021/22 (Appendix C, Section 2);
- (b) the summary results of the Budget Consultation and Engagement exercise undertaken by the Council, as set out in the attached (Appendix C, Annex 2a and 2b);
- (c) the report of the Council's Section 151 Officer, contained within the MTFS Report, regarding the robustness of estimates and level of reserves held by the Council based on these budget proposals (Appendix C, Comment from the Section 151 Officer); and

- (d) the Council's Finance Procedure Rules will always apply to ensure proper approval should any changes in spending requirements be identified (Appendix C, Annex 14); and
- 2 the Committee recommends to Council the items at Appendix A to the report, subject to the following additional recommendations:
- (a) the Highways and Transport Committee be asked to carry out an immediate and major review of the local and national funding of expenditure of Cheshire East Highways, and that this lead to decisions or recommendations to enhance services and value for money to local residents; and
  - (b) the Capital Programme, on Page 218 of the MTFs agenda pack, be amended to provide that Managing and Maintaining Highways expenditure is increased to £6m in each of 2023/24 and 2024/25 instead of £4m in each year. To balance this amendment, the borrowing costs be funded from correlated savings over the three-year period, achieved from the revenue budget allocated to pothole repairs.

Note: Councillor R Fletcher asked that it be recorded in the minutes that he abstained from voting on this matter.

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## **Corporate Policy Committee**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 February 2022
<b>Report Title:</b>	Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022-26
<b>Report of:</b>	Alex Thompson – Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer)
<b>Report Reference No:</b>	CP/35/21-22
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	All

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. This report presents the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for Cheshire East Council for the four years 2022/23 to 2025/26. The Corporate Policy Committee is asked to consider the feedback from the budget consultation and recommend an annual balanced budget to the full Council meeting of 24 February 2022.
- 1.2. The Appendices referred to in this report will be circulated with the agenda as a separate document which will also be used for the Council meeting.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1. Financial strategies underpin how Cheshire East Council will allocate resources, achieve the Corporate Plan and provide in the region of 500 local services every day. The strategies must be affordable, based on robust estimates and balanced against adequate reserves.
- 2.2. In February 2021 the Council approved the Corporate Plan 2021-2025 which articulates the vision of how these services will make Cheshire East an Open, Fair and Green borough:
  - 2.2.1. Open - We will provide strong community leadership and work transparently with our residents, businesses and partners to deliver our ambition in Cheshire East.

- 2.2.2.** Fair - We aim to reduce inequalities, promote fairness and opportunity for all and support our most vulnerable residents.
- 2.2.3.** Green - We will lead our communities to protect and enhance our environment, tackle the climate emergency and drive sustainable development.
- 2.3.** The Corporate Plan 2021-2025 was agreed by Council in February 2021. **Appendix B** summarises the plan on a page.
- 2.4.** The Council operates a three-stage financial cycle to support its strategy plans – Plan, Monitor and Report. Progress against each element of this cycle is crucial to maintain sustainable services:
- 2.4.1.** **Plan** – the Council presented its first four-year balanced Strategy in 2021. Despite the financial settlement from government providing only a single year of certainty the Council is again presenting a four-year balanced financial strategy in 2022. Following public consultation on the draft revenue budget for 2022/23, net spending is proposed at **£327.7m**. The budget addresses significant spending challenges such as rising social care costs, inflation and increasing demand. Total capital investment aspirations of £633.7m are also identified over the next four financial years.
- 2.4.2.** **Monitor** - the outturn position for 2021/22 is currently forecast to be a marginal overspend of £2.3m. This is a small increase of £0.1m compared to the first in-year forecast mainly due to increased costs of school transport which have been offset by various improvements across other services. Any variation to budget at year-end will be managed through the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy Earmarked Reserve in the first instance.
- 2.4.3.** **Report** - the Council's audited accounts for 2020/21 were unqualified and highlighted achievement of a positive outturn for the year. The Outturn report showed increases in reserves based on temporary underspending but identified prevailing financial pressure and risks, particularly in Social Care that are causing budgets to continue to rise in the medium-term.
- 2.5.** The Medium-Term Financial Strategy contains the following headlines for the 2022/23 financial year:
- Overall net revenue spending on services is being increased by £16.6m to £327.7m in 2022/23, split as follows:

Adults (inc. Social Care / Public Health)	£120.8m
Children (inc. Social Care / Education)	£ 73.8m
Place (inc. Highways / Regeneration / Waste)	£ 79.7m
Corporate (inc. ICT / HR)	£ 38.3m
Central (inc. Capital Financing)	£ 15.1m
<b>Total Net Revenue Budget</b>	<b>£327.7m</b>

- Central Government unringfenced grants will increase by £4.8m overall to £24.0m.
  - Funding from Council Tax will need to increase by £11.8m, to £254.7m. To provide this essential funding for local services it will require a proposed Council Tax increase of 2.99% from £1,579.03 to £1,626.24 for a Band D property. 1% (£2.4m) of the Council Tax increase is related to Adult Social Care and partially supports the £4m of forecast growth in demand in 2022/23.
  - In response to concerns over cost of living increase the Council Tax Support scheme has improved to protect families on low incomes from council tax increases. Residents in the lowest income bands will see support increase from 75% to 80%, those on the lowest incomes, and in receipt of specified benefits, can receive 100% rebates. The estimated cost to the Council is £1.4m in 2022/23, funded from Local Council Tax Support grant which was deliberately set aside for this purpose.
  - Capital Spending is forecast at £633.7m for the period 2022/23 to 2025/26 including £19m on improving our highways network.
  - COVID-19 related spending will continue to be managed through Government Grant.
  - General Reserves will remain at £11.5m.
- 2.6.** The Medium-Term Financial Strategy has been developed following months of analysis and consultation. The strategy responds to the challenges raised throughout this process to ensure the change proposals contained in this report are robust and provide an affordable budget for consideration.
- 2.7.** During the consultation there were 380 engagements, with additional feedback being provided by the Council's Committees. Annex 2b, within Appendix C, provides information on the nature of the responses. The most significant headlines from the feedback are summarised as follows:
- 2.7.1.** 46% agreed that Council Tax increases of 2.99% were appropriate (35% disagreed).
- 2.7.2.** 23 investment proposals were included in this year's budget consultation and the level of support for each ranged from 89% down to 34%.
- 2.7.3.** 9 saving proposals were included in this year's budget consultation and the level of support for each ranged from 86% down to 50%.
- 2.8.** The Local Government Settlement was received during the consultation period which increased unringfenced funding overall by £6.6m for the 2022/23 financial year. There was also a further £1m received for Market Sustainability and Fair Costs of Care that will be ringfenced for use within the Adults budget. Allocations beyond 2022/23 are unknown, so this additional funding is being treated as a one-off benefit for a single year. Based on the key items raised during the consultation period, including the

emerging in-year financial position, the additional funding is being allocated as follows:

- 2.8.1. Adding £2.7m to the Capital Financing Budget to fund new borrowing costs associated with an increase in the Highways Maintenance capital budget to £19m (£7m in 2022/23, and £4m in each of the following three years).
- 2.8.2. Increasing Home to School Transport by £1.2m in 2022/23, with a further £1m being drawn from reserves.
- 2.8.3. Increasing utility and carbon management budgets by £1.5m in 2022/23.
- 2.8.4. Providing additional temporary support to Planning and Public Rights of Way (PROW) services of £0.7m in 2022/23. A further £0.3m being provided for PROW for the period 2023/24 to 2025/26.
- 2.8.5. The balance is added to the Medium-Term Financial Strategy Reserve in response to feedback that the Council has relatively low reserves compared to the potential risks associated with short term funding settlements.
- 2.9. This report summarises the resolutions that Corporate Policy Committee are requested to recommend to Council at **Appendix A**.
- 2.10. This report also provides the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Report (containing the Budget) for the period 2022/23 to 2025/26 at **Appendix C**.

### 3. Recommendations

#### 3.1. That Corporate Policy notes:

- 3.1.1. The year-end forecast outturn position for 2021/22 (**Appendix C, Section 2**).
- 3.1.2. The summary results of the Budget Consultation and Engagement exercise undertaken by the Council, as set out in the attached (**Appendix C, Annex 2a and 2b**).
- 3.1.3. The report of the Council's Section 151 Officer, contained within the MTFS Report, regarding the robustness of estimates and level of reserves held by the Council based on these budget proposals (**Appendix C, Comment from the Section 151 Officer**).
- 3.1.4. The Council's Finance Procedure Rules will always apply to ensure proper approval should any changes in spending requirements be identified (**Appendix C, Annex 14**).

#### 3.2. That Corporate Policy Committee:

- 3.2.1. Recommend to Council the items at **Appendix A**.



#### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1.** In accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Rules of Procedure, Corporate Policy Committee is requested to recommend the Medium-Term Financial Strategy to Council for approval.
- 4.2.** The recommended MTFS should be balanced to support the Council in its duty.
- 4.3.** The Council's Section 151 Officer reports that, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 and Sections 32 and 43 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, he is satisfied with the robustness of the estimates making up the Council Tax Requirement of £254,681,348. This is based on a total 2.99% Band D increase, which includes a 1% precept ringfenced specifically for Adult Social Care services and he is satisfied with the adequacy of the financial reserves for the Council. The S.25 statement of the Council's s.151 Officer is included on Page 15 of **Appendix C** and members of the committee should have due regard of this report in making their recommendations to Council.
- 4.4.** Further to the above statement it can be reported that the Medium-Term Financial Strategy Report 2022/23 to 2025/26 (**Appendix C**) is based on sound financial principles and reflects sufficiently detailed plans that can maintain the financial resilience and viability of the Council in the medium-term.

#### **5. Other Options Considered**

- 5.1.** The Council has a legal duty to set a balanced annual budget taking regard of the report from the Chief Finance Officer. As such options cannot be considered that would breach this duty. Any decision of the Committee must still recognise the requirement for Council to fulfil this duty.
- 5.2.** There is no option to "do nothing". The Council has statutory obligations to provide certain services, which would be unaffordable if the Council failed to levy an appropriate Council Tax.

#### **6. Background**

- 6.1.** The Council's financial resources are provided from a combination of local taxes, government grants, investment returns on assets and other direct contributions from individuals or organisations. Financial plans are based on estimated spending and income over the next four years and the report of the Chief Financial Officer brings members attention to the processes and risks associated with developing these estimates.
- 6.2.** The Council aims to achieve value for money based on Economy (how much we pay for things), Efficiency (how well we use things) and Effectiveness (how we use things to achieve outcomes). Public feedback

and internal and external scrutiny create the necessary framework to hold the Council to account for achieving these aims.

- 6.3. All councils are legally required to set a balanced budget each year.
- 6.4. The Budget Setting Process 2022-2026 has enabled a set of proposals to be developed and challenged through a managed process that considered service changes, the Capital Programme and the supporting financial planning assumptions relating to funding levels.
- 6.5. There have been a series of distinct stages of the Budget Setting Process with reports in relation to the Council's financial position being taken to Corporate Leadership Team and all Committees throughout 2021/22. See **Appendix C, Annex 2** for further details of the process undertaken.
- 6.6. The MTFS Report provides financial background as well as setting out further details of the ongoing approach to funding the priorities set out in the Corporate Plan. It highlights the spending plans and income targets for the financial year starting 1 April 2022, as well as forecast estimates up to the 2025/26 financial year.
- 6.7. The Corporate Plan is a key strategic document for the Council, setting the vision and objectives for the whole organisation. It is a vital part of the Council's performance management framework and how the Medium-Term Financial Strategy is delivered. The MTFS aligns resources to manage the costs associated with achieving the Council's vision.
- 6.8. The Corporate Plan was reviewed by the Corporate Policy Committee at their meeting on 2 December 2021, where progress was noted. The Corporate Plan will continue to drive the Council's ambitions and priorities for the next three years.
- 6.9. The MTFS Report is based on the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2022/23. This was released on 16 December 2021. The final settlement is expected in early February 2022 with a debate by Members of Parliament in the House of Commons expected in mid-February (after the publication date of this report to Committee) to agree the position.
- 6.10. The MTFS Report continues to include estimated grant allocations in relation to several Specific Grants (**Appendix C, Annex 7**). These will be refined as appropriate in due course.
- 6.11. Any changes made as a result of the engagement process and further debate will be reported to Members at the Council meeting on 24 February 2022.

## **7. Consultation and Engagement**

- 7.1.** The business planning process involved engagement with local people and organisations and details of how this process was managed is included within **Appendix C, Annex 2**.

## **8. Implications**

### **8.1. Legal**

- 8.1.1.** The Council should have robust processes so that it can meet statutory requirements and fulfil its fiduciary duty.

### **8.2. Finance**

- 8.2.1.** Please see all Sections of this report.
- 8.2.2.** The S.25 Statement of the S.151 Officer provides information on the process and professional judgement of the Budget 2022/23. This is provided on page 15 of **Appendix C**.

### **8.3. Policy**

- 8.3.1.** The MTFS report outlines policy and budget proposals which will impact on service delivery arrangements.
- 8.3.2.** The Corporate Plan will drive and inform Council policy and priorities for service delivery. The priorities and actions listed may have direct policy implications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **8.4. Equality**

- 8.4.1.** Under the Equality Act 2010, decision makers must show 'due regard' to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
  - Advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it; and
  - Foster good relations between those groups.
- 8.4.2.** The protected characteristics are age, disability, sex, race, religion and belief, sexual orientation, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, and marriage and civil partnership.
- 8.4.3.** Having "due regard" is a legal term which requires the Council to consider what is proportionate and relevant in terms of the decisions they take.
- 8.4.4.** The Council needs to ensure that in taking decisions on the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and the Budget that the impacts on those with protected characteristics are considered. The Council undertakes equality impact assessments where necessary and continues to do so as proposals and projects develop across the lifetime of the Corporate Plan.

The process assists us to consider what actions could mitigate any adverse impacts identified. Completed equality impact assessments form part of any detailed Business Cases.

**8.4.5.** The proposals within the MTFS include positive and negative impacts. A separate Equality Impact Assessment has been produced and is included in **Appendix C, Annex 3**.

**8.4.6.** Positive impacts include significant investment in services for children and adults (protected characteristics primarily age and disability). Specific examples are Investment in Cared for Children and Care Leavers, SEND services and School Transport. There is also significant investment in Adult Social Care and support to care providers (protected characteristics primarily age and disability).

**8.4.7.** There are a number of savings proposals which could have a negative impact on those with protected characteristics. Where this is the case, more detailed work and consultation before any decisions are made.

**8.4.8.** The Corporate Plan's vision reinforces the Council's commitment to meeting its equalities duties, promoting fairness and working openly for everyone. Cheshire East is a diverse place and we want to make sure that people are able to live, work and enjoy Cheshire East regardless of their background, needs or characteristics.

## **8.5. Human Resources**

**8.5.1.** A number of the proposals will impact on staff. See **Appendix C, Section 1** for full list of change proposals.

## **8.6. Risk Management**

**8.6.1.** The steps outlined in this report mitigate the four main legal and financial risks to the Council's financial management arrangements:

- The Council must set a balanced Budget.
- Setting the Council Tax for 2022/23 must follow a compliant process.
- The Council should provide high quality evidence to support submissions for external assessment.
- That Council borrowing will comply with the Treasury Management Strategy which is underpinned by the Prudential Code.

**8.6.2.** A risk assessment of the significant proposals being put forward has been carried out by each service and is included as part of the planning process.

**8.6.3.** It is important to note that the Council faces significant financial challenges in achieving its desired outcomes. Management of risk is embedded within the organisation to ensure the Council can seize opportunities, introduce new, innovative models of service delivery, focus on improving outcomes for residents and review its range of services

whilst identifying and controlling any resulting risks. The approach to risk management will continue to be assessed as the Council's plans and financial strategy are implemented.

**8.6.4.** See **Appendix C, Annex 4** for further information.

**8.7. Rural Communities**

**8.7.1.** The Corporate Plan, along with the 'Green' aim and supporting priorities will have direct and indirect implications for our rural communities across Cheshire East. These impacts will be considered and reported through individual work programmes as they are developed.

**8.7.2.** The MTFS report provides details of service provision across the borough. See **Appendix C, Section 1**.

**8.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children**

**8.8.1.** The Corporate Plan, along with the 'Fair' aim and supporting priorities will have direct and indirect implications for children and young people and cared for children which will be considered individually and in line with the actions required. These impacts will be considered and reported through individual work programmes as they are developed.

**8.8.2.** See **Appendix C, Section 1**.

**8.9. Public Health**

**8.9.1.** The Corporate Plan, along with the 'Fair' aim and supporting priorities will have direct and indirect implications for public health which will be considered individually and in line with the actions required. These impacts will be considered and reported through individual work programmes as they are developed.

**8.9.2.** See **Appendix C, Section 1**.

**8.10. Climate Change**

**8.10.1.** The Corporate Plan has a very strong environmental thread throughout with a specific aim for the Council to be 'Greener'.

**8.10.2.** A number of priorities and activities are listed which will support the Council's commitment of being carbon neutral by 2025, including the ongoing delivery of an Environmental Strategy and a Carbon Action Plan.

**8.10.3.** As part of our commitment to be carbon neutral for our operations by 2025, proposals have been assessed for their estimated annual impact on our carbon footprint. **Appendix C, Section 1** contains a score for every proposal within this budget. The score is the projected tonnes of carbon, with negative meaning a reduction, and positive being an increase.

**8.10.4.** Also see **Appendix C, Annex 3** for further information.

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Appendices:	<p>The following Appendices are circulated with the agenda as a separate document and are available on the agenda web page:</p> <p>Appendix A - Recommendations</p> <p>Appendix B – Corporate Plan (summary)</p> <p>Appendix C – Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022-26</p> <p>Budget Consultation Report</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment</p>
Background Papers:	<p><a href="#">Outturn Report 2020/21 (Finance Sub Committee Meeting)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2021-25</a></p> <p><a href="#">Financial Update 2021/22 (Corporate Policy Meeting)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Pre Budget Consultation released 24 November 2021</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council 15 December 2020: Domestic Taxbase Report and Council Tax Support Scheme</a></p>



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## **Council**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 February 2022
<b>Report Title:</b>	Council Tax 2022/23 - Statutory Resolution
<b>Report of:</b>	Alex Thompson – Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer)
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	All

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. The Council is required by legislation to disclose its calculations of its Budget Requirement and Council Tax for 2022/23 under statutory resolutions and to approve the formal Council Tax Resolution for 2022/23.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1. Cheshire East Council, as a billing authority, is responsible for the billing and collection of Council Tax due from local taxpayers and must therefore make a resolution to set the overall Council Tax level. This means that the Authority also collects Council Tax income to cover not only its own services but also precepts set by other authorities.
- 2.2. The Council Tax levied is therefore made up of four elements:
- Cheshire East Borough Council element
  - Town & Parish Council precepts
  - Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire precept
  - Cheshire Fire Authority precept

### **3. Recommendations**

#### **3.1. That Council**

- 3.1.1. Approves a Council Tax for Cheshire East Council for the financial year 2022/23, at £1,626.24, in accordance with the formal resolutions as shown in Section 14 of the report.

- 3.1.2. Notes that the council tax precept of Cheshire Fire Authority, Police Crime and Commissioner for Cheshire, and each Town and Parish Council have been approved and notified to the Council in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by sections 72 to 79 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 3.1.3. Notes the average Council Tax for the Cheshire East Borough is £2,003.60 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by sections 72 to 79 of the Localism Act 2011.

#### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1. In accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by sections 72 to 79 of the Localism Act 2011 the Council is required to set the amounts of the Council Tax for 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwelling in the Council Tax area. This requirement is achieved by approving the statutory resolution shown in this report.

#### **5. Other Options Considered**

- 5.1. As the local billing authority the Council has a duty to set the Council Tax for the Cheshire East Council area. The recommendations in this report reflect the results of a comprehensive consultation process to support the decision making process and ensure it is compliant with relevant legislation. No further options are therefore being considered as part of this report.

#### **6. Background**

- 6.1. The Council Tax levied is made up of four elements as follows:
  - 6.1.1. the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 - **Appendix A**.
  - 6.1.2. the statutory calculation required to arrive at the amount of Council Tax for each area in respect of Borough Council, Town and Parish Council requirements - **Appendices B and C**.
  - 6.1.3. the precepts issued by Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire and Cheshire Fire Authority under Section 40 of the Act – Sections 11 and 12 of the report.
  - 6.1.4. the statutory calculation of the aggregate of the Borough Council, Parish Councils, Police & Crime Commissioner and Cheshire Fire Authority amount of Council Tax for each of the categories of the dwelling for each Council Tax area - **Appendix D**.

#### **7. Council Tax Base**

- 7.1. The Council Tax base was agreed at the Cheshire East Council meeting of [15th December 2021](#) as 156,607.48 for the year 2022/23. A breakdown of the calculation by Parish is attached at **Appendix A**.



## **8. General Fund Budget**

- 8.1. On 10 February 2022 [Corporate Policy Committee](#) recommended a General Fund Budget of £327,729,799. The calculation reflects the detailed Medium-Term Financial Strategy prepared through consultation, which included all service Committees.

## **9. Cheshire East Borough Council Tax**

- 9.1. The Council Tax Requirement for the Borough Council is £254,681,348.
- 9.2. The Band D Council Tax is therefore £1,626.24 (the requirement of £254,681,348 divided by the tax base of 156,607.48).
- 9.3. Growth in the local taxbase supports the ambition in the Corporate Plan of creating economic independence from government grant. In 2022/32, there continues to be no general government grant support to the revenue budget of Cheshire East Council (barring £7,000). When increases in demand related to protecting vulnerable people and inflation in costs are taken into account, this creates a requirement to continue to increase Council Tax levels in-line with government expectations.
- 9.4. The ability to raise additional Council Tax for use solely on Adult Social Care (ASC) was accepted in each of the years 2017/18 (3%), 2018/19 (3%), 2020/21 (2%) and 2021/22 (3%). The Provisional Finance Settlement in December 2021 confirmed a further 1% ASC precept could be levied in 2022/23 to help alleviate the continuing growth pressure.
- 9.5. The provisional local government finance settlement also announced the referendum limit on base increases was to be maintained at 2%, as such, it is proposed that Council Tax is increased by 2.99% (including 1% ringfenced for Adult Social Care pressures) for 2022/23 to give a Band D charge of £1,626.24 for 2022/23.

## **10. Parish Council Precepts**

- 10.1. Each Parish Council has notified the Council with its precept requirement for the year. The total amount of these special items is £9,309,496 which produces an average Band D Council Tax of £59.44.

## **11. Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire precept**

- 11.1. The precept demand issued by Police & Crime Commissioner is £36,871,665 which produces a Band D Council Tax of £235.44. This represents a 4.4% (£10) increase on the 2021/22 Band D Council Tax level. The Police & Crime Commissioner has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
156.96	183.12	209.28	235.44	287.76	340.08	392.40	470.88

## 12. Fire Authority Precept

- 12.1.** The precept demand issued by Cheshire Fire Authority is £12,916,985 which produces a Band D Council Tax of £82.48. This represents a 1.99% increase on the 2021/22 Band D Council tax level. Cheshire Fire Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
54.99	64.15	73.32	82.48	100.81	119.14	137.47	164.96

## 13. Total Council Tax

- 13.1.** The average Council Tax to be charged to taxpayers in Band D can be summarised as follows:

Element	Charge
	£
Cheshire East Borough Council	1,626.24
Average for Parish Councils	59.44
<b>Average Local Council Tax</b>	<b>1,685.68</b>
Police & Crime Commissioner	235.44
Cheshire Fire Authority	82.48
<b>Total Council Tax</b>	<b>2,003.60</b>

## 14. Formal Resolution

- 14.1.** That it be noted that on 15 December 2021 the Council calculated the Council Tax base 2022/23.
- (a) for the whole Council area as 156,607.48 (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")).
  - (b) for individual parishes, as in **Appendix A**.

**14.2.** Calculated that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish precepts) is £254,681,348.

**14.3.** That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

a. £651,430,983 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

b. £387,440,139 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

c. £263,990,844 being the amount by which the aggregate at 14.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 14.3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

d. £1,685.68 being the amount at 14.3(c) above divided by the amount at 14.1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

e. £9,309,496 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act

f. £1,626.24 being the amount at 14.3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 14.3(e) above by the amount at 14.1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

g. **Appendix A** being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulations 3 and 6 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its total council tax base for the year and council tax base for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

h. **Appendix B** being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (f) above, the amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided by in each case the appropriate tax base from Appendix A, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the 1992 Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of

the area to which one or more special items relate. (Band D charges for each Parish area).

- i. **Appendix C** being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the 1992 Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the 1992 Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (Local charges for all Bands).
- j. **Appendix D** being the aggregate of the local charges in (i) above and the amounts levied by major precepting authorities, calculated in accordance with Section 30(2) of the 1992 Act (The total Council Tax charge for each band in each Parish area).

- 14.4. To note that the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to Cheshire East Council in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as shown in sections 11 and 12 above.
- 14.5. Determine whether Cheshire East Council's basic amount of Council tax for 2022/23 is excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB and 52ZC of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

## 15. Consultation and Engagement

- 15.1. The recommendation in this report reflects the results of the 2022-26 Pre-Budget Consultation process.

## 16. Implications

### 16.1. Legal

- 16.1.1. As covered in the report.

### 16.2. Finance

- 16.2.1. As covered in the report.

### 16.3. Policy

- 16.3.1. None.

### 16.4. Equality

- 16.4.1. None.

**16.5. Human Resources****16.5.1.** None.**16.6. Risk Management**

**16.6.1.** The steps outlined in this report will address the main legal and financial risk to the Council's financial management in the setting of a legal Council Tax level for 2022/23.

**16.7. Rural Communities****16.7.1.** None.**16.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children****16.8.1.** None.**16.9. Public Health****16.9.1.** None.**16.10. Climate Change****16.10.1.** None.

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Background Papers:	<a href="#">Pre Budget Consultation released 24 November 2021</a> <a href="#">Council 15 December 2020: Domestic Taxbase Report and Council Tax Support Scheme</a> <a href="#">MTFS - Corporate Policy 10 February 2022</a>

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## COUNCIL TAX - TAX BASE 2022/23 - by Parish

	Tax Base
Acton, Edleston, Henhull	973.97
Adlington	635.82
Agden	71.25
Alderley Edge	2,688.54
Alpraham	220.66
Alsager	5,129.76
Arclid	212.96
Ashley	160.66
Aston-by-Budworth	198.91
Audlem	1,074.37
Barthomley	101.79
Betchton	287.25
Bickerton, Egerton	168.30
Bollington	3,193.10
Bosley	215.53
Bradwall	87.80
Brereton	807.22
Brindley, Faddiley	149.98
Buerton	243.08
Bulkeley, Ridley	226.39
Bunbury	687.82
Burland	295.70
Calveley	143.44
Chelford	813.97
Cholmondeley, Chorley	156.09
Cholmondeston, Wettenhall	204.12
Chorley	288.64
Church Lawton	913.65
Church Minshull	220.03
Congleton	10,716.56
Cranage	689.16
Crewe	14,176.97
Crewe Green	94.09
Disley	2,080.88
Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley	215.38
Doddington, Blakenhall, Bridgemere, Checkley-cum-Wrinehill, Hunsterson, Lea	311.27
Eaton	402.27
Gawsworth	828.99
Goostrey	1,072.85
Great Warford	443.59
Handforth	2,369.09
Hankelow	186.06
Haslington	2,877.78
Hassall	110.10
Hatherton, Walgherton	255.57
Haughton	105.88
Henbury	373.99
High Legh	906.94
Higher Hurdsfield	328.62
Holmes Chapel	2,821.96
Hough, Chorlton	848.26
Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths	288.82
Kettleshulme	166.76
Knutsford	5,832.80
Little Bollington	86.04
Little Warford	39.16
Lower Peover	73.93
Lower Withington	327.21

	Tax Base
Lyme Handley	71.51
Macclesfield	18,901.07
Macclesfield Forest / Wildboardclough	117.66
Marbury-cum-Quoisley, Norbury, Wirswall	278.35
Marton	120.19
Mere	465.91
Middlewich	4,951.61
Millington	102.11
Minshull Vernon, Leighton, Woolstanwood	2,306.34
Mobberley	1,470.45
Moston	451.43
Mottram St Andrew	422.96
Nantwich	5,335.82
Nether Alderley	606.68
Newbold Astbury-cum-Moreton	358.35
Newhall	435.03
North Rode	127.33
Odd Rode	2,006.58
Ollerton / Marthall	325.27
Over Alderley	271.31
Peckforton	78.15
Peover Superior	409.93
Pickmere	390.85
Plumley with Toft and Bexton	405.94
Pott Shrigley	160.36
Poynton with Worth	6,060.87
Prestbury	2,217.57
Rainow	629.87
Rope	875.76
Rostherne	79.95
Sandbach	8,408.86
Shavington-cum-Gresty	2,386.48
Siddington	182.25
Smallwood	331.91
Snelson	83.93
Somerford	735.25
Sound, Austerson, Baddiley, Baddington, Broomhall, Coole Pilate	479.63
Spurstow	191.33
Stapeley, Batherton	1,728.31
Stoke, Hurleston	147.03
Styal	423.71
Sutton	1,161.93
Swettenham	180.40
Tabley	238.09
Tatton	13.02
Twemlow	121.78
Wardle	86.95
Warmingham	117.90
Weston, Basford	1,085.14
Willaston	1,559.36
Wilmslow	12,008.31
Wincle	94.03
Wistaston	3,278.16
Worleston, Poole, Aston Juxta Mondrum	295.09
Wrenbury-cum-Frith	537.63
Wybunbury	694.01
<b>TOTAL TAX BASE</b>	<b>156,607.48</b>

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## COUNCIL TAX - BAND D PER PARISH 2022/23

	£
Acton, Edleston, Henhull	1,637.80
Adlington	1,654.55
Agden	1,638.73
Alderley Edge	1,695.20
Alpraham	1,679.87
Alsager	1,707.72
Arclid	1,645.42
Ashley	1,656.12
Aston-by-Budworth	1,631.27
Audlem	1,678.73
Barthomley	1,655.71
Betchton	1,634.30
Bickerton, Egerton	1,641.09
Bollington	1,695.14
Bosley	1,646.86
Bradwall	1,645.60
Brereton	1,651.64
Brindley, Faddiley	1,649.58
Buerton	1,645.56
Bulkeley, Ridley	1,645.47
Bunbury	1,671.01
Burland	1,646.30
Calveley	1,678.88
Chelford	1,681.50
Cholmondeley, Chorley	1,646.47
Cholmondeston, Wettenhall	1,650.74
Chorley	1,643.56
Church Lawton	1,649.72
Church Minshull	1,658.05
Congleton	1,719.21
Cranage	1,655.64
Crewe	1,711.24
Crewe Green	1,659.74
Disley	1,703.86
Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley	1,656.42
Doddington, Blakenhall, Bridgemere, Checkley-cum-Wrinehill, Hunsterson, Lea	1,636.03
Eaton	1,642.62
Gawsworth	1,660.24
Goostrey	1,671.11
Great Warford	1,646.97
Handforth	1,666.34
Hankelow	1,644.51
Haslington	1,665.07
Hassall	1,664.39
Hatherton, Walgherton	1,643.81
Haughton	1,634.50
Henbury	1,689.61
High Legh	1,640.02
Higher Hurdsfield	1,647.54
Holmes Chapel	1,711.28
Hough, Chorlton	1,656.89
Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths	1,666.06
Kettleshulme	1,696.04
Knutsford	1,701.32
Little Bollington	1,639.02
Little Warford	1,626.24
Lower Peover	1,653.24
Lower Withington	1,656.21

	£
Lyme Handley	1,626.24
Macclesfield	1,678.30
Macclesfield Forest / Wildboarclough	1,626.24
Marbury-cum-Quoisley, Norbury, Wirswall	1,658.57
Marton	1,655.36
Mere	1,645.56
Middlewich	1,703.64
Millington	1,649.15
Minshull Vernon, Leighton, Woolstanwood	1,647.92
Mobberley	1,654.80
Moston	1,655.04
Mottram St Andrew	1,645.24
Nantwich	1,779.18
Nether Alderley	1,716.32
Newbold Astbury-cum-Moreton	1,668.10
Newhall	1,634.06
North Rode	1,643.95
Odd Rode	1,674.91
Ollerton / Marthall	1,656.86
Over Alderley	1,645.65
Peckforton	1,651.83
Peover Superior	1,664.48
Pickmere	1,661.16
Plumley with Toft and Bexton	1,669.64
Pott Shrigley	1,652.43
Poynton with Worth	1,712.21
Prestbury	1,663.04
Rainow	1,648.47
Rope	1,633.80
Rostherne	1,675.02
Sandbach	1,708.93
Shavington-cum-Gresty	1,693.77
Siddington	1,645.44
Smallwood	1,638.29
Snelson	1,737.67
Somerford	1,680.64
Sound, Austerson, Baddiley, Baddington, Broomhall, Coole Pilate	1,633.85
Spurstow	1,645.32
Stapeley, Batherton	1,643.64
Stoke, Hurleston	1,645.86
Styal	1,647.95
Sutton	1,649.67
Swettenham	1,653.20
Tabley	1,640.00
Tatton	1,626.24
Twemlow	1,654.98
Wardle	1,643.49
Warmingham	1,661.16
Weston, Basford	1,657.57
Willaston	1,647.20
Wilmslow	1,653.55
Wincle	1,626.24
Wistaston	1,645.86
Worleston, Poole, Aston Juxta Mondrum	1,641.89
Wrenbury-cum-Frith	1,663.44
Wybunbury	1,668.81

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## LOCAL COUNCIL TAX (BOROUGH + PARISH)

	VALUATION BAND							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Acton, Edleston, Henhull	1,091.87	1,273.84	1,455.83	1,637.80	2,001.76	2,365.72	2,729.67	3,275.60
Adlington	1,103.03	1,286.87	1,470.71	1,654.55	2,022.23	2,389.91	2,757.58	3,309.10
Agden	1,092.49	1,274.56	1,456.65	1,638.73	2,002.90	2,367.06	2,731.22	3,277.46
Alderley Edge	1,130.13	1,318.49	1,506.85	1,695.20	2,071.91	2,448.63	2,825.33	3,390.40
Alpraham	1,119.91	1,306.56	1,493.22	1,679.87	2,053.18	2,426.49	2,799.78	3,359.74
Alsager	1,138.48	1,328.22	1,517.98	1,707.72	2,087.22	2,466.71	2,846.20	3,415.44
Arclid	1,096.95	1,279.77	1,462.60	1,645.42	2,011.07	2,376.72	2,742.37	3,290.84
Ashley	1,104.08	1,288.09	1,472.11	1,656.12	2,024.15	2,392.18	2,760.20	3,312.24
Aston-by-Budworth	1,087.51	1,268.76	1,450.02	1,631.27	1,993.78	2,356.29	2,718.78	3,262.54
Audlem	1,119.15	1,305.68	1,492.21	1,678.73	2,051.78	2,424.84	2,797.88	3,357.46
Barthomley	1,103.81	1,287.77	1,471.75	1,655.71	2,023.65	2,391.59	2,759.52	3,311.42
Betchton	1,089.53	1,271.12	1,452.71	1,634.30	1,997.48	2,360.66	2,723.83	3,268.60
Bickerton, Egerton	1,094.06	1,276.40	1,458.75	1,641.09	2,005.78	2,370.47	2,735.15	3,282.18
Bollington	1,130.09	1,318.44	1,506.79	1,695.14	2,071.84	2,448.54	2,825.23	3,390.28
Bosley	1,097.91	1,280.89	1,463.88	1,646.86	2,012.83	2,378.80	2,744.77	3,293.72
Bradwall	1,097.07	1,279.91	1,462.76	1,645.60	2,011.29	2,376.98	2,742.67	3,291.20
Brereton	1,101.09	1,284.61	1,468.13	1,651.64	2,018.67	2,385.71	2,752.73	3,303.28
Brindley, Faddiley	1,099.72	1,283.00	1,466.30	1,649.58	2,016.16	2,382.73	2,749.30	3,299.16
Buerton	1,097.04	1,279.88	1,462.72	1,645.56	2,011.24	2,376.93	2,742.60	3,291.12
Bulkeley, Ridley	1,096.98	1,279.81	1,462.64	1,645.47	2,011.13	2,376.80	2,742.45	3,290.94
Bunbury	1,114.01	1,299.67	1,485.35	1,671.01	2,042.35	2,413.69	2,785.02	3,342.02
Burland	1,097.53	1,280.45	1,463.38	1,646.30	2,012.15	2,378.00	2,743.83	3,292.60
Calveley	1,119.25	1,305.79	1,492.34	1,678.88	2,051.97	2,425.06	2,798.13	3,357.76
Chelford	1,121.00	1,307.83	1,494.67	1,681.50	2,055.17	2,428.84	2,802.50	3,363.00
Cholmondeley, Chorley	1,097.65	1,280.58	1,463.53	1,646.47	2,012.36	2,378.24	2,744.12	3,292.94
Cholmondeston, Wettenhall	1,100.49	1,283.91	1,467.33	1,650.74	2,017.57	2,384.41	2,751.23	3,301.48
Chorley	1,095.71	1,278.32	1,460.95	1,643.56	2,008.80	2,374.04	2,739.27	3,287.12
Church Lawton	1,099.81	1,283.11	1,466.42	1,649.72	2,016.33	2,382.94	2,749.53	3,299.44
Church Minshull	1,105.37	1,289.59	1,473.83	1,658.05	2,026.51	2,394.97	2,763.42	3,316.10
Congleton	1,146.14	1,337.16	1,528.19	1,719.21	2,101.26	2,483.31	2,865.35	3,438.42
Cranage	1,103.76	1,287.72	1,471.68	1,655.64	2,023.56	2,391.49	2,759.40	3,311.28
Crewe	1,140.83	1,330.96	1,521.11	1,711.24	2,091.52	2,471.80	2,852.07	3,422.48
Crewe Green	1,106.49	1,290.91	1,475.33	1,659.74	2,028.57	2,397.41	2,766.23	3,319.48
Disley	1,135.91	1,325.22	1,514.55	1,703.86	2,082.50	2,461.14	2,839.77	3,407.72
Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley	1,104.28	1,288.32	1,472.38	1,656.42	2,024.52	2,392.61	2,760.70	3,312.84
Doddington, Blakenhall, Bridgemere, Checkley-cum-Wrinehill, Hunsterson, Lea	1,090.69	1,272.46	1,454.25	1,636.03	1,999.60	2,363.16	2,726.72	3,272.06
Eaton	1,095.08	1,277.59	1,460.11	1,642.62	2,007.65	2,372.68	2,737.70	3,285.24
Gawsworth	1,106.83	1,291.29	1,475.77	1,660.24	2,029.19	2,398.13	2,767.07	3,320.48
Goostrey	1,114.07	1,299.75	1,485.43	1,671.11	2,042.47	2,413.83	2,785.18	3,342.22
Great Warford	1,097.98	1,280.97	1,463.98	1,646.97	2,012.97	2,378.96	2,744.95	3,293.94
Handforth	1,110.89	1,296.04	1,481.19	1,666.34	2,036.64	2,406.94	2,777.23	3,332.68
Hankelow	1,096.34	1,279.06	1,461.79	1,644.51	2,009.96	2,375.41	2,740.85	3,289.02
Haslington	1,110.05	1,295.05	1,480.07	1,665.07	2,035.09	2,405.11	2,775.12	3,330.14
Hassall	1,109.59	1,294.52	1,479.46	1,664.39	2,034.26	2,404.13	2,773.98	3,328.78
Hatherton, Walgherton	1,095.87	1,278.52	1,461.17	1,643.81	2,009.10	2,374.40	2,739.68	3,287.62
Houghton	1,089.67	1,271.27	1,452.89	1,634.50	1,997.73	2,360.95	2,724.17	3,269.00
Henbury	1,126.41	1,314.14	1,501.88	1,689.61	2,065.08	2,440.55	2,816.02	3,379.22
High Legh	1,093.35	1,275.57	1,457.80	1,640.02	2,004.47	2,368.92	2,733.37	3,280.04
Higher Hurdfield	1,098.36	1,281.42	1,464.48	1,647.54	2,013.66	2,379.79	2,745.90	3,295.08
Holmes Chapel	1,140.85	1,330.99	1,521.14	1,711.28	2,091.57	2,471.86	2,852.13	3,422.56
Hough, Chorlton	1,104.59	1,288.69	1,472.79	1,656.89	2,025.09	2,393.29	2,761.48	3,313.78
Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths	1,110.71	1,295.82	1,480.95	1,666.06	2,036.30	2,406.54	2,776.77	3,332.12
Kettleshulme	1,130.69	1,319.14	1,507.59	1,696.04	2,072.94	2,449.84	2,826.73	3,392.08
Knutsford	1,134.21	1,323.25	1,512.29	1,701.32	2,079.39	2,457.47	2,835.53	3,402.64
Little Bollington	1,092.68	1,274.79	1,456.91	1,639.02	2,003.25	2,367.48	2,731.70	3,278.04
Little Warford	1,084.16	1,264.85	1,445.55	1,626.24	1,987.63	2,349.02	2,710.40	3,252.48
Lower Peover	1,102.16	1,285.85	1,469.55	1,653.24	2,020.63	2,388.02	2,755.40	3,306.48
Lower Withington	1,104.14	1,288.16	1,472.19	1,656.21	2,024.26	2,392.31	2,760.35	3,312.42
Lyme Handley	1,084.16	1,264.85	1,445.55	1,626.24	1,987.63	2,349.02	2,710.40	3,252.48
Macclesfield	1,118.87	1,305.34	1,491.83	1,678.30	2,051.26	2,424.22	2,797.17	3,356.60
Macclesfield Forest / Wildboardclough	1,084.16	1,264.85	1,445.55	1,626.24	1,987.63	2,349.02	2,710.40	3,252.48
Marbury-cum-Quoisley, Norbury, Wirswall	1,105.71	1,290.00	1,474.29	1,658.57	2,027.14	2,395.72	2,764.28	3,317.14
Marton	1,103.57	1,287.50	1,471.43	1,655.36	2,023.22	2,391.08	2,758.93	3,310.72
Mere	1,097.04	1,279.88	1,462.72	1,645.56	2,011.24	2,376.93	2,742.60	3,291.12

## LOCAL COUNCIL TAX (BOROUGH + PARISH)

	VALUATION BAND							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Middlewich	1,135.76	1,325.05	1,514.35	1,703.64	2,082.23	2,460.82	2,839.40	3,407.28
Millington	1,099.43	1,282.67	1,465.91	1,649.15	2,015.63	2,382.11	2,748.58	3,298.30
Minshull Vernon, Leighton, Woolstanwood	1,098.61	1,281.71	1,464.82	1,647.92	2,014.13	2,380.34	2,746.53	3,295.84
Mobberley	1,103.20	1,287.06	1,470.94	1,654.80	2,022.54	2,390.27	2,758.00	3,309.60
Moston	1,103.36	1,287.25	1,471.15	1,655.04	2,022.83	2,390.62	2,758.40	3,310.08
Mottram St Andrew	1,096.83	1,279.63	1,462.44	1,645.24	2,010.85	2,376.46	2,742.07	3,290.48
Nantwich	1,186.12	1,383.80	1,581.50	1,779.18	2,174.56	2,569.93	2,965.30	3,558.36
Nether Alderley	1,144.21	1,334.91	1,525.62	1,716.32	2,097.73	2,479.14	2,860.53	3,432.64
Newbold Astbury-cum-Moreton	1,112.07	1,297.41	1,482.76	1,668.10	2,038.79	2,409.48	2,780.17	3,336.20
Newhall	1,089.37	1,270.93	1,452.50	1,634.06	1,997.19	2,360.32	2,723.43	3,268.12
North Rode	1,095.97	1,278.62	1,461.29	1,643.95	2,009.28	2,374.60	2,739.92	3,287.90
Odd Rode	1,116.61	1,302.70	1,488.81	1,674.91	2,047.12	2,419.32	2,791.52	3,349.82
Ollerton / Marthall	1,104.57	1,288.67	1,472.77	1,656.86	2,025.05	2,393.25	2,761.43	3,313.72
Over Alderley	1,097.10	1,279.95	1,462.80	1,645.65	2,011.35	2,377.06	2,742.75	3,291.30
Peckforton	1,101.22	1,284.75	1,468.30	1,651.83	2,018.91	2,385.98	2,753.05	3,303.66
Peover Superior	1,109.65	1,294.59	1,479.54	1,664.48	2,034.37	2,404.26	2,774.13	3,328.96
Pickmere	1,107.44	1,292.01	1,476.59	1,661.16	2,030.31	2,399.46	2,768.60	3,322.32
Plumley with Toft and Bexton	1,113.09	1,298.61	1,484.13	1,669.64	2,040.67	2,411.71	2,782.73	3,339.28
Pott Shrigley	1,101.62	1,285.22	1,468.83	1,652.43	2,019.64	2,386.85	2,754.05	3,304.86
Poynton with Worth	1,141.47	1,331.72	1,521.97	1,712.21	2,092.70	2,473.20	2,853.68	3,424.42
Prestbury	1,108.69	1,293.47	1,478.26	1,663.04	2,032.61	2,402.18	2,771.73	3,326.08
Rainow	1,098.98	1,282.14	1,465.31	1,648.47	2,014.80	2,381.13	2,747.45	3,296.94
Rope	1,089.20	1,270.73	1,452.27	1,633.80	1,996.87	2,359.94	2,723.00	3,267.60
Rostherne	1,116.68	1,302.79	1,488.91	1,675.02	2,047.25	2,419.48	2,791.70	3,350.04
Sandbach	1,139.29	1,329.16	1,519.05	1,708.93	2,088.70	2,468.46	2,848.22	3,417.86
Shavington-cum-Gresty	1,129.18	1,317.37	1,505.58	1,693.77	2,070.17	2,446.56	2,822.95	3,387.54
Siddington	1,096.96	1,279.78	1,462.62	1,645.44	2,011.10	2,376.75	2,742.40	3,290.88
Smallwood	1,092.19	1,274.22	1,456.26	1,638.29	2,002.36	2,366.43	2,730.48	3,276.58
Snelson	1,158.45	1,351.52	1,544.60	1,737.67	2,123.82	2,509.97	2,896.12	3,475.34
Somerford	1,120.43	1,307.16	1,493.91	1,680.64	2,054.12	2,427.60	2,801.07	3,361.28
Sound, Austerson, Baddiley, Baddington, Broomhall, Coole Pilate	1,089.23	1,270.77	1,452.31	1,633.85	1,996.93	2,360.01	2,723.08	3,267.70
Spurstow	1,096.88	1,279.69	1,462.51	1,645.32	2,010.95	2,376.58	2,742.20	3,290.64
Stapeley, Batherton	1,095.76	1,278.38	1,461.02	1,643.64	2,008.90	2,374.15	2,739.40	3,287.28
Stoke, Hurleston	1,097.24	1,280.11	1,462.99	1,645.86	2,011.61	2,377.36	2,743.10	3,291.72
Styal	1,098.63	1,281.74	1,464.85	1,647.95	2,014.16	2,380.38	2,746.58	3,295.90
Sutton	1,099.78	1,283.07	1,466.38	1,649.67	2,016.27	2,382.86	2,749.45	3,299.34
Swettenham	1,102.13	1,285.82	1,469.51	1,653.20	2,020.58	2,387.96	2,755.33	3,306.40
Tabley	1,093.33	1,275.55	1,457.78	1,640.00	2,004.45	2,368.90	2,733.33	3,280.00
Tatton	1,084.16	1,264.85	1,445.55	1,626.24	1,987.63	2,349.02	2,710.40	3,252.48
Twemlow	1,103.32	1,287.20	1,471.10	1,654.98	2,022.76	2,390.53	2,758.30	3,309.96
Wardle	1,095.66	1,278.27	1,460.88	1,643.49	2,008.71	2,373.94	2,739.15	3,286.98
Warmingham	1,107.44	1,292.01	1,476.59	1,661.16	2,030.31	2,399.46	2,768.60	3,322.32
Weston, Basford	1,105.05	1,289.22	1,473.40	1,657.57	2,025.92	2,394.27	2,762.62	3,315.14
Willaston	1,098.13	1,281.15	1,464.18	1,647.20	2,013.25	2,379.30	2,745.33	3,294.40
Wilmslow	1,102.37	1,286.09	1,469.83	1,653.55	2,021.01	2,388.47	2,755.92	3,307.10
Wincle	1,084.16	1,264.85	1,445.55	1,626.24	1,987.63	2,349.02	2,710.40	3,252.48
Wistaston	1,097.24	1,280.11	1,462.99	1,645.86	2,011.61	2,377.36	2,743.10	3,291.72
Worleston, Poole, Aston Juxta Mondrum	1,094.59	1,277.02	1,459.46	1,641.89	2,006.76	2,371.63	2,736.48	3,283.78
Wrenbury-cum-Frith	1,108.96	1,293.78	1,478.62	1,663.44	2,033.10	2,402.75	2,772.40	3,326.88
Wybunbury	1,112.54	1,297.96	1,483.39	1,668.81	2,039.66	2,410.51	2,781.35	3,337.62

## TOTAL COUNCIL TAX

	VALUATION BAND							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Acton, Edleston, Henhull	1,303.82	1,521.11	1,738.43	1,955.72	2,390.33	2,824.94	3,259.54	3,911.44
Adlington	1,314.98	1,534.14	1,753.31	1,972.47	2,410.80	2,849.13	3,287.45	3,944.94
Agden	1,304.44	1,521.83	1,739.25	1,956.65	2,391.47	2,826.28	3,261.09	3,913.30
Alderley Edge	1,342.08	1,565.76	1,789.45	2,013.12	2,460.48	2,907.85	3,355.20	4,026.24
Alpraham	1,331.86	1,553.83	1,775.82	1,997.79	2,441.75	2,885.71	3,329.65	3,995.58
Alsager	1,350.43	1,575.49	1,800.58	2,025.64	2,475.79	2,925.93	3,376.07	4,051.28
Arclid	1,308.90	1,527.04	1,745.20	1,963.34	2,399.64	2,835.94	3,272.24	3,926.68
Ashley	1,316.03	1,535.36	1,754.71	1,974.04	2,412.72	2,851.40	3,290.07	3,948.08
Aston-by-Budworth	1,299.46	1,516.03	1,732.62	1,949.19	2,382.35	2,815.51	3,248.65	3,898.38
Audlem	1,331.10	1,552.95	1,774.81	1,996.65	2,440.35	2,884.06	3,327.75	3,993.30
Barthomley	1,315.76	1,535.04	1,754.35	1,973.63	2,412.22	2,850.81	3,289.39	3,947.26
Betchton	1,301.48	1,518.39	1,735.31	1,952.22	2,386.05	2,819.88	3,253.70	3,904.44
Bickerton, Egerton	1,306.01	1,523.67	1,741.35	1,959.01	2,394.35	2,829.69	3,265.02	3,918.02
Bollington	1,342.04	1,565.71	1,789.39	2,013.06	2,460.41	2,907.76	3,355.10	4,026.12
Bosley	1,309.86	1,528.16	1,746.48	1,964.78	2,401.40	2,838.02	3,274.64	3,929.56
Bradwall	1,309.02	1,527.18	1,745.36	1,963.52	2,399.86	2,836.20	3,272.54	3,927.04
Brereton	1,313.04	1,531.88	1,750.73	1,969.56	2,407.24	2,844.93	3,282.60	3,939.12
Brindley, Faddiley	1,311.67	1,530.27	1,748.90	1,967.50	2,404.73	2,841.95	3,279.17	3,935.00
Buerton	1,308.99	1,527.15	1,745.32	1,963.48	2,399.81	2,836.15	3,272.47	3,926.96
Bulkeley, Ridley	1,308.93	1,527.08	1,745.24	1,963.39	2,399.70	2,836.02	3,272.32	3,926.78
Bunbury	1,325.96	1,546.94	1,767.95	1,988.93	2,430.92	2,872.91	3,314.89	3,977.86
Burland	1,309.48	1,527.72	1,745.98	1,964.22	2,400.72	2,837.22	3,273.70	3,928.44
Calveley	1,331.20	1,553.06	1,774.94	1,996.80	2,440.54	2,884.28	3,328.00	3,993.60
Chelford	1,332.95	1,555.10	1,777.27	1,999.42	2,443.74	2,888.06	3,332.37	3,998.84
Cholmondeley, Chorley	1,309.60	1,527.85	1,746.13	1,964.39	2,400.93	2,837.46	3,273.99	3,928.78
Cholmondeston, Wettenhall	1,312.44	1,531.18	1,749.93	1,968.66	2,406.14	2,843.63	3,281.10	3,937.32
Chorley	1,307.66	1,525.59	1,743.55	1,961.48	2,397.37	2,833.26	3,269.14	3,922.96
Church Lawton	1,311.76	1,530.38	1,749.02	1,967.64	2,404.90	2,842.16	3,279.40	3,935.28
Church Minshull	1,317.32	1,536.86	1,756.43	1,975.97	2,415.08	2,854.19	3,293.29	3,951.94
Congleton	1,358.09	1,584.43	1,810.79	2,037.13	2,489.83	2,942.53	3,395.22	4,074.26
Cranage	1,315.71	1,534.99	1,754.28	1,973.56	2,412.13	2,850.71	3,289.27	3,947.12
Crewe	1,352.78	1,578.23	1,803.71	2,029.16	2,480.09	2,931.02	3,381.94	4,058.32
Crewe Green	1,318.44	1,538.18	1,757.93	1,977.66	2,417.14	2,856.63	3,296.10	3,955.32
Disley	1,347.86	1,572.49	1,797.15	2,021.78	2,471.07	2,920.36	3,369.64	4,043.56
Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley	1,316.23	1,535.59	1,754.98	1,974.34	2,413.09	2,851.83	3,290.57	3,948.68
Doddington, Blakenhall, Bridgemere, Checkley-cum-Wrinehill, Hunsterson, Lea	1,302.64	1,519.73	1,736.85	1,953.95	2,388.17	2,822.38	3,256.59	3,907.90
Eaton	1,307.03	1,524.86	1,742.71	1,960.54	2,396.22	2,831.90	3,267.57	3,921.08
Gawsworth	1,318.78	1,538.56	1,758.37	1,978.16	2,417.76	2,857.35	3,296.94	3,956.32
Goostrey	1,326.02	1,547.02	1,768.03	1,989.03	2,431.04	2,873.05	3,315.05	3,978.06
Great Warford	1,309.93	1,528.24	1,746.58	1,964.89	2,401.54	2,838.18	3,274.82	3,929.78
Handforth	1,322.84	1,543.31	1,763.79	1,984.26	2,425.21	2,866.16	3,307.10	3,968.52
Hankelow	1,308.29	1,526.33	1,744.39	1,962.43	2,398.53	2,834.63	3,270.72	3,924.86
Haslington	1,322.00	1,542.32	1,762.67	1,982.99	2,423.66	2,864.33	3,304.99	3,965.98
Hassall	1,321.54	1,541.79	1,762.06	1,982.31	2,422.83	2,863.35	3,303.85	3,964.62
Hatherton, Walgherton	1,307.82	1,525.79	1,743.77	1,961.73	2,397.67	2,833.62	3,269.55	3,923.46
Haughton	1,301.62	1,518.54	1,735.49	1,952.42	2,386.30	2,820.17	3,254.04	3,904.84
Henbury	1,338.36	1,561.41	1,784.48	2,007.53	2,453.65	2,899.77	3,345.89	4,015.06
High Legh	1,305.30	1,522.84	1,740.40	1,957.94	2,393.04	2,828.14	3,263.24	3,915.88
Higher Hurdfield	1,310.31	1,528.69	1,747.08	1,965.46	2,402.23	2,839.01	3,275.77	3,930.92
Holmes Chapel	1,352.80	1,578.26	1,803.74	2,029.20	2,480.14	2,931.08	3,382.00	4,058.40
Hough, Chorlton	1,316.54	1,535.96	1,755.39	1,974.81	2,413.66	2,852.51	3,291.35	3,949.62
Hulme Walfield & Somerford Booths	1,322.66	1,543.09	1,763.55	1,983.98	2,424.87	2,865.76	3,306.64	3,967.96
Kettleshulme	1,342.64	1,566.41	1,790.19	2,013.96	2,461.51	2,909.06	3,356.60	4,027.92
Knutsford	1,346.16	1,570.52	1,794.89	2,019.24	2,467.96	2,916.69	3,365.40	4,038.48
Little Bollington	1,304.63	1,522.06	1,739.51	1,956.94	2,391.82	2,826.70	3,261.57	3,913.88
Little Warford	1,296.11	1,512.12	1,728.15	1,944.16	2,376.20	2,808.24	3,240.27	3,888.32
Lower Peover	1,314.11	1,533.12	1,752.15	1,971.16	2,409.20	2,847.24	3,285.27	3,942.32
Lower Withington	1,316.09	1,535.43	1,754.79	1,974.13	2,412.83	2,851.53	3,290.22	3,948.26
Lyme Handley	1,296.11	1,512.12	1,728.15	1,944.16	2,376.20	2,808.24	3,240.27	3,888.32
Macclesfield	1,330.82	1,552.61	1,774.43	1,996.22	2,439.83	2,883.44	3,327.04	3,992.44
Macclesfield Forest / Wildboardclough	1,296.11	1,512.12	1,728.15	1,944.16	2,376.20	2,808.24	3,240.27	3,888.32
Marbury-cum-Quoisley, Norbury, Wirswall	1,317.66	1,537.27	1,756.89	1,976.49	2,415.71	2,854.94	3,294.15	3,952.98
Marton	1,315.52	1,534.77	1,754.03	1,973.28	2,411.79	2,850.30	3,288.80	3,946.56
Mere	1,308.99	1,527.15	1,745.32	1,963.48	2,399.81	2,836.15	3,272.47	3,926.96

## TOTAL COUNCIL TAX

	VALUATION BAND							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Middlewich	1,347.71	1,572.32	1,796.95	2,021.56	2,470.80	2,920.04	3,369.27	4,043.12
Millington	1,311.38	1,529.94	1,748.51	1,967.07	2,404.20	2,841.33	3,278.45	3,934.14
Minshull Vernon, Leighton, Woolstanwood	1,310.56	1,528.98	1,747.42	1,965.84	2,402.70	2,839.56	3,276.40	3,931.68
Mobberley	1,315.15	1,534.33	1,753.54	1,972.72	2,411.11	2,849.49	3,287.87	3,945.44
Moston	1,315.31	1,534.52	1,753.75	1,972.96	2,411.40	2,849.84	3,288.27	3,945.92
Mottram St Andrew	1,308.78	1,526.90	1,745.04	1,963.16	2,399.42	2,835.68	3,271.94	3,926.32
Nantwich	1,398.07	1,631.07	1,864.10	2,097.10	2,563.13	3,029.15	3,495.17	4,194.20
Nether Alderley	1,356.16	1,582.18	1,808.22	2,034.24	2,486.30	2,938.36	3,390.40	4,068.48
Newbold Astbury-cum-Moreton	1,324.02	1,544.68	1,765.36	1,986.02	2,427.36	2,868.70	3,310.04	3,972.04
Newhall	1,301.32	1,518.20	1,735.10	1,951.98	2,385.76	2,819.54	3,253.30	3,903.96
North Rode	1,307.92	1,525.89	1,743.89	1,961.87	2,397.85	2,833.82	3,269.79	3,923.74
Odd Rode	1,328.56	1,549.97	1,771.41	1,992.83	2,435.69	2,878.54	3,321.39	3,985.66
Ollerton / Marthall	1,316.52	1,535.94	1,755.37	1,974.78	2,413.62	2,852.47	3,291.30	3,949.56
Over Alderley	1,309.05	1,527.22	1,745.40	1,963.57	2,399.92	2,836.28	3,272.62	3,927.14
Peckforton	1,313.17	1,532.02	1,750.90	1,969.75	2,407.48	2,845.20	3,282.92	3,939.50
Peover Superior	1,321.60	1,541.86	1,762.14	1,982.40	2,422.94	2,863.48	3,304.00	3,964.80
Pickmere	1,319.39	1,539.28	1,759.19	1,979.08	2,418.88	2,858.68	3,298.47	3,958.16
Plumley with Toft and Bexton	1,325.04	1,545.88	1,766.73	1,987.56	2,429.24	2,870.93	3,312.60	3,975.12
Pott Shrigley	1,313.57	1,532.49	1,751.43	1,970.35	2,408.21	2,846.07	3,283.92	3,940.70
Poynton with Worth	1,353.42	1,578.99	1,804.57	2,030.13	2,481.27	2,932.42	3,383.55	4,060.26
Prestbury	1,320.64	1,540.74	1,760.86	1,980.96	2,421.18	2,861.40	3,301.60	3,961.92
Rainow	1,310.93	1,529.41	1,747.91	1,966.39	2,403.37	2,840.35	3,277.32	3,932.78
Rope	1,301.15	1,518.00	1,734.87	1,951.72	2,385.44	2,819.16	3,252.87	3,903.44
Rostherne	1,328.63	1,550.06	1,771.51	1,992.94	2,435.82	2,878.70	3,321.57	3,985.88
Sandbach	1,351.24	1,576.43	1,801.65	2,026.85	2,477.27	2,927.68	3,378.09	4,053.70
Shavington-cum-Gresty	1,341.13	1,564.64	1,788.18	2,011.69	2,458.74	2,905.78	3,352.82	4,023.38
Siddington	1,308.91	1,527.05	1,745.22	1,963.36	2,399.67	2,835.97	3,272.27	3,926.72
Smallwood	1,304.14	1,521.49	1,738.86	1,956.21	2,390.93	2,825.65	3,260.35	3,912.42
Snelson	1,370.40	1,598.79	1,827.20	2,055.59	2,512.39	2,969.19	3,425.99	4,111.18
Somerford	1,332.38	1,554.43	1,776.51	1,998.56	2,442.69	2,886.82	3,330.94	3,997.12
Sound, Austerston, Baddiley, Baddington, Broomhall, Coole Pilate	1,301.18	1,518.04	1,734.91	1,951.77	2,385.50	2,819.23	3,252.95	3,903.54
Spurstow	1,308.83	1,526.96	1,745.11	1,963.24	2,399.52	2,835.80	3,272.07	3,926.48
Stapeley, Batherton	1,307.71	1,525.65	1,743.62	1,961.56	2,397.47	2,833.37	3,269.27	3,923.12
Stoke, Hurleston	1,309.19	1,527.38	1,745.59	1,963.78	2,400.18	2,836.58	3,272.97	3,927.56
Styal	1,310.58	1,529.01	1,747.45	1,965.87	2,402.73	2,839.60	3,276.45	3,931.74
Sutton	1,311.73	1,530.34	1,748.98	1,967.59	2,404.84	2,842.08	3,279.32	3,935.18
Swettenham	1,314.08	1,533.09	1,752.11	1,971.12	2,409.15	2,847.18	3,285.20	3,942.24
Tabley	1,305.28	1,522.82	1,740.38	1,957.92	2,393.02	2,828.12	3,263.20	3,915.84
Tatton	1,296.11	1,512.12	1,728.15	1,944.16	2,376.20	2,808.24	3,240.27	3,888.32
Twemlow	1,315.27	1,534.47	1,753.70	1,972.90	2,411.33	2,849.75	3,288.17	3,945.80
Wardle	1,307.61	1,525.54	1,743.48	1,961.41	2,397.28	2,833.16	3,269.02	3,922.82
Warmingham	1,319.39	1,539.28	1,759.19	1,979.08	2,418.88	2,858.68	3,298.47	3,958.16
Weston, Basford	1,317.00	1,536.49	1,756.00	1,975.49	2,414.49	2,853.49	3,292.49	3,950.98
Willaston	1,310.08	1,528.42	1,746.78	1,965.12	2,401.82	2,838.52	3,275.20	3,930.24
Wilmslow	1,314.32	1,533.36	1,752.43	1,971.47	2,409.58	2,847.69	3,285.79	3,942.94
Wincle	1,296.11	1,512.12	1,728.15	1,944.16	2,376.20	2,808.24	3,240.27	3,888.32
Wistaston	1,309.19	1,527.38	1,745.59	1,963.78	2,400.18	2,836.58	3,272.97	3,927.56
Worleston, Poole, Aston Juxta Mondrum	1,306.54	1,524.29	1,742.06	1,959.81	2,395.33	2,830.85	3,266.35	3,919.62
Wrenbury-cum-Frith	1,320.91	1,541.05	1,761.22	1,981.36	2,421.67	2,861.97	3,302.27	3,962.72
Wybunbury	1,324.49	1,545.23	1,765.99	1,986.73	2,428.23	2,869.73	3,311.22	3,973.46

**COUNCIL MEETING – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022****PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022/23****RECOMMENDATION**

**That**

- 1. the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23 be approved and published accordingly; and**
  - 2. the agreed Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23 be reviewed in-year and any further changes be approved by the Monitoring Officer and published accordingly.**
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Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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The Committee considered a report which outlined changes to the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23.

The Pay Policy Statement for 2022/2023, which reflected the expected position as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Changes since last year's Statement were outlined in section 7 of the report.

Members asked how many settlement agreements had been entered into in the last two years. The Executive Director of Corporate Services undertook to provide a written response.

**RESOLVED:** That

- 1       the in-year changes since the 2021/22 Pay Policy Statement be noted as outlined in section 7.4 and 7.5 of the report;
- 2       the changes in the 2022/23 Pay Policy Statement (Appendix 1) be noted in section 7.6 of the report;
- 3       the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23 be recommended to Council for approval and published accordingly; and
- 4       the agreed Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23 be reviewed in-year and any further changes be approved by the Monitoring Officer and published accordingly.

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## **Corporate Policy Committee**

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**Date of Meeting:** 10 February 2022

**Report Title:** Pay Policy Statement 2022/23

**Report of:** Jane Burns, Executive Director of Corporate Services

**Report Reference No:** CP/60/21-22

**Ward(s) Affected:** Not applicable

<b>Corporate Plan Priorities</b>			
	<b>Open</b>	An open and enabling organisation	X
	<b>Fair</b>	A council which empowers and cares about people	
	<b>Green</b>	A thriving and sustainable place	

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1.** The purpose of this report is to outline the changes to the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23 and for the Corporate Policy Committee to recommend the policy to Council.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1.** Section 38 of the Localism Act (2011) requires Local Authorities to produce a Pay Policy Statement by 31st March on an annual basis. Regard continues to be given to any guidance from the Secretary of State in producing this statement and the Local Government Transparency Code (2015).
- 2.2.** The Pay Policy Statement for 2022/2023 which reflects the expected position at 1st April 2022 is attached as Appendix 1. Changes since last year's Statement are outlined in section 7 of this report.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1.** That the in-year changes since the 2021/22 Pay Policy Statement be noted as outlined in section 7.4 and 7.5 of this report.
- 3.2.** That the changes in the 2022/23 Pay Policy Statement (see Appendix 1) are also noted in section 7.6 of this report.
- 3.3.** That the attached Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23 be recommended by the Corporate Policy Committee to Council for approval and published accordingly.
- 3.4.** That the agreed Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23 is reviewed in-year and any further changes are approved by the Monitoring Officer and published accordingly.

### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1.** A Pay Policy Statement has been required to be produced annually since 2012/13 under Section 38 of the Localism Act (2011). Local Authorities must have their Pay Policy Statement approved by full Council and published on their website no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> March prior to the financial year to which it relates.

### **5. Other Options Considered**

- 5.1.** Not applicable.

### **6. Background**

- 6.1.** The purpose of the Pay Policy Statement is to increase accountability, transparency, and fairness with regard to the Council's approach to pay with particular focus on its Chief Officers.

### **7. Key Updates to the Pay Policy Statement**

- 7.1.** The Pay Policy Statement 2022/23 follows the style and format of the Statement published in 2021/22. The Statement focuses on the broad principles and policies regarding pay and has links to further information and statistical data available on the Council's website and associated policies.
- 7.2.** The Statement has again been designed to be user friendly for public consumption and should require minimal updates each subsequent year.
- 7.3.** The links to further information will be updated as appropriate through the coming year.
- 7.4.** Changes since the Pay Policy Statement approved by Council in March 2021 are mainly associated with Performance Related Pay (PRP) for senior

management and information in relation to the new JNC and NJC pay structures and have been approved by the Monitoring Officer in-year as follows:

- 7.4.1.** Performance Related Pay (PRP) for senior management has been removed and two new grades (13 and 14) with incremental progression have been introduced in the JNC pay structure (see pages 2 and 3).
- 7.4.2.** The grade overlaps up to Grade 8 and the minimum spinal column point in Grade 9 (SCP27) have been removed in the NJC Pay structure (see page 3).
- 7.4.3.** The pay and grading structure (Link 1) has been updated to reflect the latest JNC and NJC pay structures as outlined above.
- 7.5.** Further in-year amendments have been agreed, mainly to reflect changes made in the Council Constitution and the move to a committee system as follows:
  - 7.5.1.** Removed the post titles (Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer) that were listed against the Tier 2 and 3 salary packages (see page 3).
  - 7.5.2.** Changed 'Appointment Panel made up of members of the Staffing Committee' to the 'Appointments Committee' as the Council moved to a committee system for decision making from May 2021 (see page 4).
  - 7.5.3.** Key statutory posts (Head of Paid Service, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer) are Council appointments has been stated in the section on 'Recruitment of Chief Officers' (see page 4).
  - 7.5.4.** Changed the reference to the 'Leader and the relevant Portfolio Holder' to 'Chair of the Corporate Policy Committee' in regard to agreeing the re-employment of former employees who left on grounds of VR or severance (see page 7).
- 7.6.** Changes specifically for the 2022/23 Pay Policy Statement, that have not been approved in-year (prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022), are as follows:
  - 7.6.1.** The 'important note' on page 6 in the 2021/22 Pay Policy Statement has been removed in the 2022/23 PPS (see Appendix 1) in regard to the Restriction of Public Sector Exit Payments (Revocation) Regulations. The Pay Policy Statement will be updated as and when reforms to exit payments are introduced.

## **8. Consultation and Engagement**

- 8.1.** The Pay Policy Statement 2022/23 will be shared with Trade Unions.

## **9. Implications**

### **9.1. Legal**

- 9.1.1.** The Council is required to produce and publish a Pay Policy Statement agreed by full Council each year, under Section 38 of the Localism Act (2011).
- 9.1.2.** In addition, the Local Government Transparency Code (2015) requires information on organisational structure, senior salaries and pay multiples to be published annually each year.
- 9.1.3.** This report and the accompanying Pay Policy Statement, with associated links in Annex 1, once approved and adopted ensures that Cheshire East Council complies with these requirements.

### **9.2. Finance**

- 9.2.1.** There are no direct financial implications associated with approving the updated Pay Policy Statement 2022/23 and no budgetary adjustments are proposed in relation to this report.

### **9.3. Policy**

- 9.3.1.** Any decisions relating to the pay and remuneration of Chief Officers must comply with the Pay Policy Statement in place at the time for that financial year. Whilst the Statement can be amended during the year should the need arise, in-year changes will be subject to the approval of the Monitoring Officer.

### **9.4. Equality**

- 9.4.1.** There are no direct equality implications associated with approving the updated Pay Policy Statement 2022/23, any potential implications relating to pay are addressed within the relevant pay policies.

### **9.5. Human Resources**

- 9.5.1.** Associated pay policies and HR support must comply with the Pay Policy Statement. Updates on the Workforce Strategy and workforce data are provided to the Corporate Policy Committee on a regular basis.

### **9.6. Risk Management**

- 9.6.1.** If the Council does not follow specific aspects of the guidance issued by DCLG and therefore does not achieve appropriate levels of openness and accountability, DCLG (now DLUHC) can take steps to require the Council to adapt particular policies.

**9.7. Rural Communities**

**9.7.1.** There are no direct implications for rural communities.

**9.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children**

**9.8.1.** There are no direct implications for children and young people.

**9.9. Public Health**

**9.9.1.** There are no direct implications for public health.

**9.10. Climate Change**

**9.10.1.** There are no direct implications on climate change.

<b>Access to Information</b>	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Draft Pay Policy Statement 2022/23
Background Papers:	None

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## APPENDIX 1



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## **Pay Policy Statement 2022/23**

### **1. Introduction and Purpose**

Under Section 112 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the “power to appoint officers on such reasonable terms and conditions as the authority thinks fit”. This Pay Policy Statement (the ‘statement’) sets out the Council’s approach to pay policy in accordance with the requirements of Section 38-43 of the Localism Act 2011 and due regard to the associated Statutory Guidance including the Supplementary Statutory Guidance issued in February 2013, and guidance issued under the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.

The purpose of the statement is to provide transparency with regard to the Council’s approach to setting the pay of its senior employees (excluding teaching staff, employees working in local authority schools and academies, and alternative service delivery vehicles) by identifying:

- The methods by which salaries of all employees are determined.
- The detail and level of remuneration of its most senior employees i.e. ‘Chief Officers’, as defined by the relevant legislation.

“Remuneration” for the purposes of this statement includes three elements; basic salary, pension and all other allowances arising from employment.

Once approved by Council, this policy statement will come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 superseding the 2021/22 statement and will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis.

### **2. Background**

In determining the pay and remuneration of all of its employees, the Council takes account of the need to ensure value for money in respect of the use of public expenditure. This is balanced against the need to recruit and retain employees in an increasingly competitive market who are able to deliver the Council’s commitments and meet the requirements of providing high quality services, which are delivered effectively and efficiently and at times at which those services are required.

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The Council complies with all relevant employment legislation and codes of practice. The Council seeks to ensure there is no pay discrimination within its pay structures and that all pay differentials can be objectively justified through the use of job evaluation mechanisms and the application of key criteria, which directly establish the relative levels of posts in grades according to the requirements, demands and responsibilities of the role.

### **3. Pay Structure**

#### **Senior Management**

##### **3.1 Principles**

There are a number of overriding principles which govern the Council's approach to senior management reward:

- The policy will be affordable; with reward being commensurate with individual and corporate performance.
- Reward policy for senior post-holders will be transparent, clearly defined and readily understood.
- The policy will offer the flexibility to reward for job size, capability, performance (objectives and behaviours) and market rates (where these may be relevant, with evidence).
- Reward for senior roles will be fair and proportionate by comparison to reward for the wider workforce.

##### **3.2 Reward components**

For many senior posts, reward will continue to comprise basic salary and a range of benefits. Reward no longer includes an annual performance related pay incentive as the Council has removed Performance Related Pay (PRP) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

The components are described as follows:

- **Basic salary:** This is guaranteed fixed cash remuneration, paid monthly. The level of basic salary is contractual. For some jobs, this remuneration may increase by annual increments until the maximum of the grade is reached.
- **Benefits:** The Council provides a range of benefits, some of which are guaranteed and form a part of the contract of employment. Generous holiday and access to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) are principal benefits.

##### **3.3 Job Evaluation and Banding**

The Council uses the Hay Group job evaluation scheme to position roles into the Cheshire East Senior Management pay bands. The bands are linked to Hay Job Evaluation points ranges which have been determined as part of the Council's operating model.



### 3.4 Senior Manager Pay Structure

This defined pay structure determines the salaries of senior managers on JNC (Joint National Council for Chief Officers) conditions of service. A score is produced from the HAY job evaluation process which equates to a pay band on the Council's senior manager pay structure.

A review of the JNC Pay Structure for Chief Officers was carried out in 2020 to remedy some outstanding anomalies, and a new pay structure has been agreed with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and implemented in September 2021. The **new** pay structure for senior managers who are subject to JNC conditions of service can be seen by accessing the [senior manager pay and grading structure](#).

The latest Cheshire East pay bands for senior managers includes two new Grades (13 and 14) containing three increments in each with annual incremental progression on the anniversary of the appointment.

In addition, there is a small proportion of public health employees who transferred under TUPE to the Council on NHS Pay and Terms and Conditions on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 and these employees remain on the terms and conditions of their previous NHS employer.

### 3.5 Chief Officer remuneration

When applying the senior manager pay structure, for the purposes of this statement, the definition of Chief Officers is as set out in Section 43 of the Localism Act. The details of the salary packages are as follows:

#### **Tier 1** (Chief Executive)

- The current salary package is £155,153

#### **Tier 2** (direct reports to the Chief Executive)

- The salary package falls within a range of £119,955 to £136,313

#### **Tier 3** (direct reports to Tier 2 managers)

- The salary package falls within a range of £77,862 to £105,670

### 3.6 Pay and grading structure for NJC employees

The Council reviewed its local pay structures NJC (Grades 1 to 12) as a result of the two-year national agreement which covered the period 2018-2020 and introduced an interim structure in June 2019 which assimilated all employees on to the new NJC Pay structure in line with the National Agreement. These changes brought Cheshire East Council in line with the NJC for Local Government Services pay structure and the revised national pay spine (spinal column points).

More recently, further changes to the NJC pay structure have been agreed; including the removal of the grade overlaps up to Grade 8 and the removal of the minimum spinal column point (SCP27) in Grade 9.

The **new** [pay and grading structure for employees](#) on NJC (National Joint Council for Local Government Services) is also available.

#### **4. Living Wage**

As a result of the 2018-20 NJC pay agreement, it is no longer necessary to pay a Local Living Wage supplement because the uprated pay points for the lowest paid employees have been increased and now exceed the National Living Wage. For information, the lowest pay point is £9.25 an hour with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, and future pay awards are intended to take this into account in order to maintain parity with National Living Wage requirements.

#### **5. Recruitment of Chief Officers**

The Council's policy and procedures with regard to recruitment of Chief Officers is set out in the Council's Constitution and is undertaken by the Appointments Committee in accordance with arrangements set out in the Constitution. Full Council approval will be sought for the establishment of a role on a salary package exceeding £100,000 where remuneration departs from the pay policy statement.

Key statutory posts (Head of Paid Service, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer) are Council appointments.

When recruiting to all posts, the Council will take full and proper account of all provisions of relevant employment law and its own Recruitment Policy and Procedure, Disability Confident Commitment, Mindful Employer, Redeployment Procedure and Equality in Employment Policy.

The determination of the remuneration to be offered to any newly appointed Chief Officer will be in accordance with the pay structure and relevant policies in place at the time of recruitment and in line with this Pay Policy Statement. New appointments will normally be made in accordance with the JNC pay structure, any variation to this approach will be by exception and based on objectively justified criteria supported by appropriate evidence. An appointee's existing pay and their relevant experience and qualifications may be included in any consideration but would need to take account of any equal pay implications that could arise within the Council.

From time to time, it may be necessary to take account of the external pay levels in the labour market and to pay market related supplements in order to attract and retain employees with particular experience, skills, and capacity. Where necessary, the Council will ensure the requirement for such additional payments is objectively justified by reference to clear and transparent evidence of relevant market comparators, using data sources available from within the local government sector and outside, as appropriate. Any such payments will be reviewed at least annually to ensure their ongoing suitability and appropriateness.

Where the Council is unable to recruit Chief Officers, or there is a need for interim support to provide cover for a substantive Chief Officer post, the Council will, where necessary, put in place the most effective arrangements to engage individuals.

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These arrangements will comply with HMRC IR35 requirements, relevant procurement processes and ensure the Council is able to demonstrate maximum value for money.

## **6. Additions to Chief Officers' Salaries**

The following payments can be applied to Chief Officers' salaries:

- Returning and Deputy Returning Officers' Fees
- Travel Allowances and Expenses
- Salary Sacrifice Lease Car Scheme (only applicable for salary sacrifice vehicles ordered before 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as this scheme ended on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020)
- Relocation Expenses
- Professional Fees and Subscriptions

Further details of [Additions to Chief Officers' salaries](#) are published in the Council's Transparency Data and in the Statement of Accounts.

## **7. Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)**

Details of the [Local Government Pension Scheme](#) discretions exercised, contribution bands, actuarial rates and discretions policy application are available.

## **8. Redundancy Payments and Payments on Termination**

The Council's policy on compulsory redundancies, including redundancy payments, is set out in the Organisational Change Policy and Procedure. If employees have two or more years' service, they may be entitled to a redundancy payment. The payment is based on the statutory formula (on actual weekly pay). Any overtaken leave/flexi will be deducted from their final salary. Where there is an outstanding leave entitlement, this must be taken during their notice period and before their employment ends.

In order to minimise the need for compulsory redundancies and in conjunction with other measures, e.g. restricting recruitment, the Council may consider requests from employees to be made redundant (voluntary redundancy). Employees who leave on grounds of voluntary redundancy will normally be entitled to receive a redundancy payment in accordance with the statutory formula (on actual weekly pay) plus an additional severance payment of 0.8 times the statutory payment, bringing the total payment to 1.80 times the statutory formula and up to a maximum of 50 week's pay.

The Council's **current** approach to statutory and discretionary payments on termination of employment of Chief Officers, prior to reaching normal retirement age, is set out within the Leaving the Council Policy & Procedure and for those eligible for retirement, in the Leaving the Council Policy & Procedure and are in accordance with the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) Regulations 2006 and Local Government Pension

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scheme Regulations 2007. All payments under this section are subject to the approval process set out in the Organisational Change Policy & Procedure and the Leaving the Council Policy & Procedure.

The Council reserves the right to change all discretionary elements.

### **9. Early Retirement and Severance on the Grounds of Business Efficiency**

In line with the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006, the Council also operates a voluntary scheme to facilitate early retirement or severance on grounds of business efficiency to enable the Council to continue to achieve effective use of resources and provide value for money. The terms of this are set out in the Leaving the Council Policy and Procedure.

### **10. Mutually Agreed Resignation Scheme (MARS)**

The Council had operated a Mutually Agreed Resignation Scheme (MARS) which enables individual employees, including Chief Officers, in agreement with the Council, to choose to leave their employment voluntarily in return for a discretionary 'severance' payment. This scheme creates resourcing flexibility to avoid compulsory redundancies in future, enable the redeployment of resources to higher priority areas of work and reduce costs in lower priority areas. MARS is non contractual and has no pension liabilities. A decision is taken each year whether to run the scheme by the Chief Executive.

### **11. Settlement Agreements**

The Council uses settlement agreements for all voluntary redundancies/severance and MARS severance payments, for all employees, including Chief Officers. The use of settlement agreements on this basis minimises any risk of future claims against the Council and can ensure that any threatened or pending legal proceedings and their associated legal costs can be avoided. The Council follows the current guidance for public sector settlement agreements in these circumstances.

### **12. Pay Multiples**

The Council publishes a range of information to meet the Transparency Code requirements and has used the recommended formulae in the code guidance and Local Government Association (LGA) guidance to calculate the relationship between the rate of pay for the lowest paid, median and Chief Officers, known as [pay multiples](#).

### **13. Re-employment or re-engagement**

Any decision to re-employ an individual (including Chief Officers) already in receipt of a Local Government Pension (with same or another local authority) will be made on merit, taking into account the use of public money and the exigencies of the Council.

In particular, the Voluntary Redundancy Scheme provides that former Cheshire East/Legacy Authority employees who left their employment on grounds of voluntary retirement or severance will not be re-employed in any capacity, except in exceptional circumstances and subject to the agreement of the Head of HR in consultation with the Chair of the Corporate Policy Committee. Re-engagement includes all types of contractual relationships whether they are a contract of employment, contract for service etc. and whether the individual is appointed as an employee or engaged as an interim, direct consultancy or via an agency or other supplier.

#### **14. Publication and access to information**

Upon approval by Council, this Statement will be published on the Council's website ([www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk)). Additionally, in line with Code of Practice and Accounts and Audit Regulations, salary, allowances and bonus compensation and employers pension contributions will be published for:

- a) Senior employees whose salary is £150,000 or more (who will also be identified by name).
- b) Senior employees whose salary is £50,000 or more.

The Council will also publish, on an annual basis, Gender Pay Gap data in line with the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017.

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Prepared by:	HR Strategy and Policy Team
Date:	March 2022
Review date:	March 2023

## **Annex 1 – Links**

All the relevant policies and procedures as referred to in the Pay Policy Statement can be found using the links in section 1 below. Please email [hrcommunications@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:hrcommunications@cheshireeast.gov.uk) should you have any difficulties accessing this information.

### **Section 1: Additional information**

Link 1 – [Pay and grading structure for senior managers and employees](#)

Link 2 – [Additions to Chief Officers' salaries](#)

Link 3 – [Local Government Pension Scheme](#)

Link 4 – [Pay multiples](#)

[Statement of Accounts](#)

### **Section 2: Internal intranet links to the further relevant policies, procedures and other relevant information**

- [Payment of a Market Supplement](#)
- [Pay and Allowances Policy](#)
- [Pensions Discretions Policy](#)
- [Organisational Change Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Leaving the Council Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Recruitment Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Mindful Employer](#)
- [Redeployment Procedure](#)
- [Equality in Employment Policy](#)
- [Relocation and Excess Travel Policy and Procedure](#)

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**COUNCIL MEETING – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022****CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022-23****RECOMMENDATION**

**That**

**1. the draft Calendar of Meetings for Cheshire East Council for 2022-23 be approved subject to the following:**

- **meetings of the Audit and Governance Committee commencing at 10.30am on the stated meeting dates, except for 29<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> November, when the start-time will be 2.00pm;**
- **subject to the agreement of external partner organisations where appropriate, the meeting of the Shared Services Joint Committee and planning site-visits currently scheduled to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 being rescheduled to avoid Holocaust Memorial Day;**
- **the Constitution Working Group giving consideration, prior to the 2023 elections, to the question of whether some formal meetings should be “twilight” or evening meetings; and**
- **the Constitution Working Group giving consideration, prior to the preparation of the Calendar of Meetings for 2023, to the question of whether it would be appropriate to introduce a standard commencement time of 10.00 am for all morning meetings of formal bodies; and**

**2. the draft Calendar of Meetings for the period of May to October 2023 be noted.**

**[Note: the Calendar of Meetings for 2022-23, as appended to the attached report, has been amended to include the changes to the start times for Audit and Governance Committee]**

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Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**75            CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022-23**

The Committee considered the draft Calendar of Meetings for Cheshire East Council for the 2022-23 Municipal Year for recommendation to full Council. The Calendar had been shared with the Group Leaders, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees.



The Committee also considered a provisional draft calendar of dates for the period May to October 2023 which was intended to assist members in planning their diaries further ahead. It was proposed that from 2023 onwards an 18-month calendar of meetings would be produced.

The Head of Democratic Services and Governance advised that since the report had been published, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee had asked that meetings of the Committee be moved from 2.00 pm to 10.30 am. This had been accommodated in some but not all cases, owing to clashes with other meetings.

In response to a question from members, the Head of Democratic Services and Governance confirmed that the draft calendar avoided any clashes with meetings of the Police and Crime Panel and the Cheshire Pension Fund Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That

- 1 the draft Calendar of Meetings for Cheshire East Council 2022-23, be recommended to Council for approval subject to the following:
  - meetings of the Audit and Governance Committee commencing at 10.30am on the stated meeting dates, except for 29<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> November, when the start-time will be 2.00pm;
  - subject to the agreement of external partner organisations where appropriate, the meeting of the Shared Services Joint Committee and planning site-visits currently scheduled to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 being rescheduled to avoid Holocaust Memorial Day;
  - the Constitution Working Group giving consideration, prior to the 2023 elections, to the question of whether some formal meetings should be “twilight” or evening meetings; and
  - the Constitution Working Group giving consideration, prior to the preparation of the Calendar of Meetings for 2023, to the question of whether it would be appropriate to introduce a standard commencement time of 10.00 am for all morning meetings of formal bodies; and
- 2 the draft Calendar of Meetings for the period of May to October 2023, be recommended to Council for noting.





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## Corporate Policy Committee

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**Date of Meeting:** 10 February 2022

**Report Title:** Calendar of Meetings 2022-23

**Report of:** David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance

**Report Reference No:** CP/59/21-22

**Ward(s) Affected:** All Wards

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<b>Corporate Plan Priorities</b>			
	<b>Open</b>	An open and enabling organisation	X
	<b>Fair</b>	A council which empowers and cares about people	
	<b>Green</b>	A thriving and sustainable place	

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** This report appends a draft Calendar of Meetings for Cheshire East Council for the 2022-23 Municipal Year. This is for approval at full council.
- 1.2** Also appended for additional information and to assist in diary planning is a provisional draft calendar of dates for the period May to October 2023. This is not for approval.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1** In accordance the Local Government Act 1972, the Council is required to give public notice of its meetings. The calendar of meetings assists in fulfilling this legal obligation.
- 2.2** Having an approved and published calendar of meetings enables effective business planning and decision-making procedures.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1.** That the draft Calendar of Meetings for Cheshire East Council 2022-23, be recommended to Council for approval.
- 3.2.** That the draft Calendar of Meetings for the period of May to October 2023, be recommended to Council for noting.

### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1.** The Council is required to give public notice of its meetings in order to fulfil its legal obligations under the Access to Information Rules set out in the Constitution and to meet its obligations under the Local Government Act 1972. The Calendar will assist the Council in meeting these requirements and will provide certainty for Members.

### **5. Background**

- 5.1** As set out in its Constitution (Chapter 3 – Part 1 para 1.1) the Council is required to decide when its meetings will take place. These are set out in a Calendar of Meetings. The Calendar of Meetings is intended only to deal with formal decision-making meetings and, therefore, does not provide details of other meetings involving Members.
- 5.2** Full Council must approve the Calendar.
- 5.3** The scheduling of meetings has taken into account the Council's business planning/performance reporting cycle, together with a range of additional issues arising from the implementation of the committee system and learning from its operation since May 2021.
- 5.4** August has been retained for recess except for planning meetings and an Environment and Communities Committee.
- 5.5** Meetings of full Council have been scheduled to be held on 20 July 2022, 19 October 2022, 14 December 2022, 22 February 2023, and 24 May 2023, with the start time of 11 am.
- 5.7** The meetings of service committees have been scheduled to take place on the same day of the week where possible. If there is a specific need for additional or fewer meetings, this can be dealt with under existing arrangements.
- 5.8** Strategic Planning Board, Northern Planning Committee and Southern Planning Committee are scheduled on Wednesdays; with any site visits taking place on the Friday before the meeting.
- 5.9** The Public Rights of Way Committee had been scheduled to take place quarterly, with the Audit and Governance Committee and Licensing Committee meeting five times each year. Provisions exist for additional meetings to be called if needed.

- 5.10** The scheduling of meetings of the Scrutiny Committee has been approached on a quarterly basis. It is acknowledged however that there may be the need to arrange ad-hoc meetings, when required to deal with bespoke external scrutiny matters e.g., external proposals by health providers, using the general powers of the Committee Chair. The quarterly scheduling will provide for annual reporting, with flexibility around the dates of meetings, to suit business needs.
- 5.11** Whilst consultation with Group Leaders, Chairs etc has taken the usual approach in focussing upon the Municipal Year only, it was thought to be helpful to seek to provide provisional information to Members upon a draft calendar of meetings for the first six months of the 2023 Municipal Year also.
- 5.12** Additions have therefore been made to the Calendar of Meetings to provide draft meeting dates for that period, but it should be noted that these draft dates will be subject to formal approval at the February meeting of Council in 2023.
- 5.13** In this way, Members will have some degree of certainty about meeting dates, but flexibility will be retained for the February meeting of Council to formally vary these in the light of circumstances which apply at that time.
- 5.14** It is proposed that from 2023 onwards an 18-month calendar of meetings will be produced to assist Members with their planning commitments.
- 5.15** The Committee is asked to refer the Calendar to Council for approval.

## **6. Consultation and Engagement**

- 6.1** The Calendar has been shared with the Group Leaders, Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees.

## **7. Implications**

### **7.1. Legal**

- 7.1.1.** In accordance the Local Government Act 1972 and the Access to Information Rules in the Constitution, the Council is required to give public notice of its meetings, and a calendar of meetings assists in fulfilling this legal obligation.
- 7.1.2.** Members of the public have a legal right to attend to participate in and observe council meetings, e.g., make representations in respect of planning applications, asking questions at meetings, and presenting appeals.

### **7.2. Finance**

- 7.2.1.** There are no direct finance implications.

### **7.3. Policy**

- 7.3.1.** There are no direct policy implications.

**7.4. Equality**

7.4.1. There are no direct implications for equality.

**7.5. Human Resources**

7.5.1. There are no direct implications for human resources.

**7.6. Risk Management**

7.6.1. A published calendar of meetings enables effective business planning and decision-making procedures.

**7.7. Rural Communities**

7.7.1. There are no direct implications for rural communities.

**7.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children**

7.8.1. There are no direct implications for children and young people.

**7.9. Public Health**

7.9.1. There are no direct implications for public health.

**7.10. Climate Change**

7.10.1. There are no implications for climate change.

<b>Access to Information</b>	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Calendar of Meetings 2022/23 Appendix 2 – Draft Calendar of Meetings May to Oct 2023
Background Papers:	None

## Calendar of Meetings 2022-2023

Appendix 1

COMMITTEE	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY
Council (11 am)	18		20			19		14		22			24
Corporate Policy (10.30 am)		9	14			6		1		9	23		
Economy and Growth (2 pm)	31		12		13		15		17		14		
Highways and Transport (10.30 am)		16	21		22		24		26		2		
Environment and Communities (10.30 am)		7		4	29		10			2	30		
Children and Families (2 pm)	23		11		19		14		16	13	20		
Adults and Health (10.30 am)	30		18		26		21		23		27		
Finance Sub Committee (2 pm)		1	6		7		9		11		8		
Scrutiny Committee (10.30 am)		14			1			8			16		
Audit and Governance Committee (10.30 am and 2 pm)	26 (10.30 am)		28 (10.30 am)		29 (2 pm)		24 (2 pm)				9 (10.30 am)		
General Appeals Sub Committee (10 am)			5		6	11	8	6	10	7	7	4	
Licensing Committee (2 pm)		6			5		7		9		6		
General Licensing Sub Committee (10 am)		27	25	22		13	28		30	27		3	
Public Rights of Way		13			12			5			13		

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COMMITTEE	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY
Sub Committee (2 pm)													
Strategic Planning Board (10 am)		15	27	24	21	26	23	21	25		1 29	26	
Southern Planning (10 am)	25	29		3 31	28		2 30		11	8	15	5	
Northern Planning (10 am)		8	13	10	14	5	16	7	18	15	22	12	
Health and Wellbeing Board**(2 pm)	24	(21)	26		27	(25)	22	(20)	24	(21)	21	(25)	
Local Authority School Governor Nomination Panel (10 am)		8			7		9			15 (2 pm)			
Corporate Parenting Committee (2 pm)		28 (10 am)			6		1 (10 am)		10		7		
Shared Services Joint Committee (10 am)		17	22		23		25		27		17		

\*\* Health and Wellbeing Board informal meetings in brackets

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**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022-2023**

<b>MAY 2022</b>	
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>3</b>	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee
<b>4</b>	10 am Strategic Planning Board
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<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>11 AM ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>
<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b>	2 pm Children and Families Committee
<b>24</b>	2 pm Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>25</b>	10 am Southern Planning Committee
<b>26</b>	10.30 am Audit and Governance Committee
<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b>	10.30 am Adults and Health Committee
<b>31</b>	2 pm Economy and Growth Committee

<b>JUNE 2022</b>	
1	2 pm Finance Sub Committee
2	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
3	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
4	
5	
6	2 pm Licensing Committee
7	10.30am Environment and Communities Committee
8	10 am Northern Planning Committee 10 am LA School Governor Nomination Panel
9	10.30 am Corporate Policy Committee
10	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
11	
12	
13	2 pm Public Rights of Way Committee
14	10.30 am Scrutiny Committee
15	10 am Strategic Planning Board
16	10.30 am Highways and Transport Committee
17	10am Shared Services Joint Committee
18	
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20	
21	2pm Health and Wellbeing Board (informal meeting)
22	
23	
24	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
25	
26	
27	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
28	10 am Corporate Parenting Committee
29	10 am Southern Planning Committee
30	



<b>JULY 2022</b>	
<b>1</b>	
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<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee
<b>6</b>	2 pm Finance Sub Committee
<b>7</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	2 pm Children and Families Committee
<b>12</b>	2 pm Economy and Growth Committee
<b>13</b>	10 am Northern Planning Committee
<b>14</b>	10.30 am Corporate Policy Committee
<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b>	10.30 am Adults and Health Committee
<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b>	<b>11 AM COUNCIL</b>
<b>21</b>	10.30 am Highways and Transport Committee
<b>22</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i> 10am Shared Services Joint Committee
<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b>	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
<b>26</b>	2 pm Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>27</b>	10 am Strategic Planning Board
<b>28</b>	10.30 am Audit and Governance Committee
<b>29</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
<b>30</b>	
<b>31</b>	

<b>AUGUST 2022</b>	
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3	10 am Southern Planning Committee
4	10.30 am Environment and Communities Committee
5	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	
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10	10 am Northern Planning Committee
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19	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b>	
22	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
23	
24	10 am Strategic Planning Board
25	
26	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b>	
29	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
30	
31	10 am Southern Planning Committee

<b>SEPTEMBER 2022</b>	
1	10.30 am Scrutiny Committee
2	
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5	2 pm Licensing committee
6	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee 2 pm Corporate Parenting Committee
7	10 am LA School Governor Nomination Panel 2 pm Finance Sub Committee
8	
9	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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12	2 pm Public Rights of Way Sub Committee
13	2 pm Economy and Growth Committee
14	10 am Northern Planning Committee
15	
16	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
17	
18	
19	2 pm Children and Families Committee
20	
21	10 am Strategic Planning Board
22	10.30 am Highways and Transport Committee
23	<i>(planning site visits)</i> 10am Shared Services Joint Committee
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26	10.30 am Adults and Health Committee
27	2 pm Health and Wellbeing Board
28	10 am Southern Planning Committee
29	10.30 am Environment and Communities Committee 2 pm Audit and Governance Committee
30	<i>(planning site visits)</i>

<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>	
<b>1</b>	
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<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	10 am Northern Planning Committee
<b>6</b>	10.30 am Corporate Policy Committee
<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee
<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b>	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>11 AM COUNCIL</b>
<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b>	2pm Health and Wellbeing Board (informal meeting)
<b>26</b>	10 am Strategic Planning Board
<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b>	
<b>31</b>	

<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>	
1	10 am Corporate Parenting Committee
2	10 am Southern Planning Committee
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7	2 pm Licensing committee
8	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee
9	10 am LA School Governor Nomination Panel 2 pm Finance Sub Committee
10	10.30 am Environment and Communities Committee
11	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
12	
13	
14	2 pm Children and Families Committee
15	2 pm Economy and Growth Committee
16	10 am Northern Planning Committee
17	
18	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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30	10 am Southern Planning Committee

<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	
1	10.30 am Corporate Policy Committee
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5	2 pm Public Rights of Way Sub Committee
6	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee
7	10 am Northern Planning Committee
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14	<b>11 AM COUNCIL</b>
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JANUARY 2023	
<b>1</b>	<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>
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<b>11</b>	10 am Southern Planning Committee 2 pm Finance Sub Committee
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<b>13</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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<b>25</b>	10 am Strategic Planning Board
<b>26</b>	10.30 am Highways and Transport Committee
<b>27</b>	10am Shared Services Joint Committee
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<b>30</b>	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
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<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>	
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2	10.30 am Environment and Communities Committee
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7	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee
8	10 am Southern Planning Committee
9	10.30 am Corporate Policy Committee
10	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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13	2 pm Children and Families Committee
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15	10 am Northern Planning Committee 2 pm LA School Governor Nomination Panel
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21	Health and Wellbeing Board (informal meeting)
22	<b>11 AM COUNCIL (budget)</b>
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24	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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27	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
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<b>MARCH 2023</b>	
1	10 am Strategic Planning Board
2	10.30 am Highways and Transport Committee
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6	2 pm Licensing Committee
7	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee 2 pm Corporate Parenting Committee
8	2 pm Finance Sub Committee
9	10.30 am Audit and Governance Committee
10	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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13	2 pm Public Rights of Way Sub Committee
14	2 pm Economy and Growth Committee
15	10 am Southern Planning Committee
16	10.30 am Scrutiny Committee
17	10am Shared Services Joint Committee <i>(planning site visits)</i>
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20	2 pm Children and Families Committee
21	2pm Health and Wellbeing Board
22	10 am Northern Planning Committee
23	10.30 am Corporate Policy Committee
24	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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27	10.30 am Adults and Health Committee
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29	10 am Strategic Planning Board
30	10.30 am Environment and Communities Committee
31	<i>(planning site visits)</i>

<b>APRIL 2023</b>	
<b>1</b>	
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<b>3</b>	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
<b>4</b>	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee
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<b>12</b>	10 am Northern Planning Committee
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<b>25</b>	2pm Health and Wellbeing Board (informal meeting)
<b>26</b>	10 am Strategic Planning Board
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## Calendar of Meetings 2023 May to October

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COMMITTEE	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT
Council (11 am)	24		19			18
Corporate Policy (10.30 am)		15	13			5
Economy and Growth (2 pm)		6	11		12	
Highways and Transport (10.30 am)		22	20		21	
Environment and Communities (10.30 am)		8	27		28	
Children and Families (2 pm)		5	10		18	
Adults and Health (10.30 am)		26	24		25	
Finance Sub Committee (2 pm)		7	5		13	
Scrutiny Committee (10.30 am)		29			7	
Audit and Governance Committee (10. 30 am and 2 pm)		1 (10.30 am)	27 (2 pm)		28 (2 pm)	
General Appeals Sub Committee (10 am)			4		5	10
Licensing Committee (2 pm)		12			4	
General Licensing Sub Committee (10 am)		13	17		19	12

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COMMITTEE	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT
Public Rights of Way Sub Committee (2 pm)		19			11	
Strategic Planning Board (10 am)		21	26	23	20	25
Southern Planning (10 am)	31	28		2 30	27	
Northern Planning (10 am)		7	5	9	6	4
Health and Wellbeing Board** (2 pm)	30	(20)	25		26	(24)
Local Authority School Governor Nomination Panel (10 am)		14			13	
Corporate Parenting Committee (2 pm)		27 (10 am)			5	
Shared Services Joint Committee *** (10 am)		16	21		22	

\*\* informal meeting date in brackets

\*\*\* dates need to be agreed with Cheshire West and Chester Council

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## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS MAY TO OCTOBER 2023

MAY 2023	
1	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
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26	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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29	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
30	2 pm Health and Wellbeing Board
31	10 am Southern Planning Committee

<b>JUNE 2023</b>	
1	10.30 am Audit and Governance Committee
2	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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5	2 pm Children and Families Committee
6	2 pm Economy and Growth Committee
7	10 am Northern Planning Committee 2 pm Finance Sub Committee
8	10.30 am Environment and Communities Committee
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12	2 pm Licensing Committee
13	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
14	10 am LA School Governor Nomination Panel
15	10.30 am Corporate Policy Committee
16	10am Shared Services Joint Committee <i>(planning site visits)</i>
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19	2 pm Public Rights of Way Committee
20	2pm Health and Wellbeing Board (informal meeting)
21	10 am Strategic Planning Board
22	10.30 am Highways and Transport Committee
23	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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26	10.30 am Adults and Health Committee
27	10 am Corporate Parenting Committee
28	10 am Southern Planning Committee
29	10.30 am Scrutiny Committee
30	<i>(planning site visits)</i>



<b>JULY 2023</b>	
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<b>4</b>	10 am General Appeals Sub Committee
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<b>19</b>	<b>11 AM COUNCIL</b>
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<b>21</b>	10am Shared Services Joint Committee ( <i>planning site visits</i> )
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<b>24</b>	10.30 am Adults and Health Committee
<b>25</b>	2 pm Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>26</b>	10 am Strategic Planning Board
<b>27</b>	10.30 am Environment and Communities Committee 2 pm Audit and Governance Committee
<b>28</b>	( <i>planning site visits</i> )
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<b>AUGUST 2023</b>	
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2	10 am Southern Planning Committee
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23	10 am Strategic Planning Board
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25	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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28	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
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30	10 am Southern Planning Committee
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<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>	
<b>1</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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<b>4</b>	2 pm Licensing committee
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<b>6</b>	10 am Northern Planning Committee
<b>7</b>	10.30 am Scrutiny Committee
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<b>11</b>	2 pm Public Rights of Way Sub Committee
<b>12</b>	2 pm Economy and Growth Committee
<b>13</b>	10 am LA School Governor Nomination Panel 2 pm Finance Sub Committee
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<b>15</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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<b>18</b>	2 pm Children and Families Committee
<b>19</b>	10 am General Licensing Sub Committee
<b>20</b>	10 am Strategic Planning Board
<b>21</b>	10.30 am Highways and Transport Committee
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<b>25</b>	10.30 am Adults and Health Committee
<b>26</b>	2 pm Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>27</b>	10 am Southern Planning Committee
<b>28</b>	10.30 am Environment and Communities Committee 2 pm Audit and Governance Committee
<b>29</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>	
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<b>18</b>	<b>11AM COUNCIL</b>
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<b>20</b>	<i>(planning site visits)</i>
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## **Council**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 February 2022
<b>Report Title:</b>	High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill Petition
<b>Report of:</b>	Jayne Traverse, Executive Director of Place
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	All Wards

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. This report outlines the process the Council needs to follow to petition against the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill; the purpose of which is to negotiate enhancements and mitigations for the benefit of Cheshire East residents and businesses.
- 1.2. The report seeks a Full Council resolution and delegated authorities to petition against the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill, including to withdraw any aspect of the Council's Petition against the Bill if this is no longer the appropriate course of action, and to settle or agree any basis for the withdrawal.
- 1.3. The report outlines the proposed approach to member engagement in preparing and progressing a petition.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1. On 24 January 2022, the Government deposited the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (the 'Bill') in Parliament. The Bill is a Hybrid Bill and includes proposals for the HS2 line between Crewe and Manchester between 2035 and 2041. The scheme is sometimes referred to as Phase 2b of HS2 or Phase 2b western leg of HS2. It follows on from Phase 2a which concerned the route from Fradley to Crewe, which gained Royal Assent in February 2021.
- 2.2. The proposals for Cheshire East in the Bill include:
  - 2.2.1. The HS2 main line, comprising 10.8km of new railway, including 6.5km in new tunnels beneath Crewe town centre;

- 2.2.2. Two tunnel portals, one to the south of A500 Shavington Bypass in Crewe, and one to the north of B5076 Bradfield Road, connecting the underground and overground sections of the new railway;
  - 2.2.3. Two ventilation shafts at Cowley Way and Middlewich Street in Crewe, required to keep the tunnelled sections ventilated and provide access in an emergency;
  - 2.2.4. A grade-separated railway junction at Crewe, linking the new HS2 railway to the West Coast Main Line, facilitating future Northern Powerhouse Rail ('NPR') connections and enabling high speed services to stop at Crewe (the Crewe North Connection);
  - 2.2.5. The Crewe North Rolling Stock Depot, for the stabling and maintenance of the new HS2 trains (located in Cheshire West and Chester);
  - 2.2.6. Passive provision for a connection between HS2 and a future NPR route between London and Liverpool, known as the NPR London to Liverpool junction. This will include the earthworks and civil engineering structures to be provided to support the London to Liverpool line to cross over the HS2 mainline and HS2 Spur near Hoo Green Lane. This would increase the height of infrastructure in this area by up to 15m;
  - 2.2.7. Passive provision for a connection between HS2 and a future NPR route between Manchester and Liverpool known as the NPR Manchester to Liverpool junction; and
  - 2.2.8. An infrastructure maintenance base-rail (IMB-R) at Ashley, which would be used to support the maintenance of the new HS2 railway and structures.
- 2.3. Whilst the Bill would provide the critical infrastructure to allow for the step-change in connectivity to 5/7 HS2 trains per hour calling at Crewe, to support the Crewe hub vision, it does not include the necessary investments at Crewe hub station to deliver this vision. Petitioning against the Bill provides the Council the opportunity to seek that Government review their plans for Crewe to enhance the benefits of the resultant Bill for Crewe and the Borough and ensure the station meets the requirement of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century transport hub.
- 2.4. The scheme and construction proposals presented in the Bill will have significant impacts on the environment and the ecology of Cheshire East and cause disruption to residents along the route. Petitioning against the Bill provides the final opportunity for the Council to influence the proposals to minimise these impacts or secure additional mitigation measures against them. However, petitioning does not provide an opportunity to oppose the merits of HS2 or the

principle of the scheme itself. (Broadly speaking, the principle of the scheme is that there will be a railway from Crewe to Manchester).

- 2.5. The Bill could have its second reading in late February 2022 with a 25 day petitioning period, commencing the following day. Any individual, group of individuals or organisations “directly and specially affected” by the Bill has the right to petition against it. Examples of objections raised are those relating to:
  - 2.5.1. route alignment;
  - 2.5.2. noise impacts and how they can be reduced and mitigated;
  - 2.5.3. traffic issues including access to and from construction sites, how spoil is disposed of and whether better alternative sites in the locality exist;
  - 2.5.4. the impact of changes to the road network, footpaths and bridleways;
  - 2.5.5. measures to protect or preserve wildlife, flora and fauna;
  - 2.5.6. impact on development opportunities.
- 2.6. Petitioning provides the opportunity for the Council to formally raise its concerns regarding proposals within the Bill and the methodology to deliver them, before the House of Commons Select Committee. If a petition is not deposited, the Council will not be able to present its case to the Select Committee.
- 2.7. There will be a further opportunity to petition against any future Additional Provisions to the Bill and to petition the Bill in the House of Lords in due course.
- 2.8. An Additional Provision is essentially a “mini-Bill” and the process for promoting one is largely the same as for the promotion of the current Bill. If the Council is concerned about any Additional Provision, it will be possible for the Council to petition against it in due course.
- 2.9. Without petitioning against the Bill, the Council would have negligible opportunity to influence the proposals further for Crewe or seek additional mitigations against the impacts of delivery and operation of the scheme, before they become an Act of Parliament.
- 2.10. A Full Council resolution for Cheshire East is required for the Council to petition against the Bill and future Additional Provisions during the relevant petitioning periods in the House of Commons and the House of Lords in relation to those aspects of the Bill that prejudice Cheshire East Council.
- 2.11. On 10 February 2022, Corporate Policy Committee recommended that a resolution from Full Council is sought to petition against the Bill.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1. Notwithstanding the Council’s:
  - 3.1.1 support for the principle of the Bill, it is resolved – ;

- 3.1.2 That Cheshire East Council is satisfied that it is expedient to oppose the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill introduced in the 2021-22 session of Parliament and to seek, amongst other things,
- 3.1.2.1 enhancements to the scheme proposals to maximise the benefits of the Crewe hub; and
  - 3.1.2.2 improved mitigation and compensation against the negative impacts of the scheme on the local environment and to residents.
- 3.1.3 Delegate the authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Chair of the Corporate Policy Committee and Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to take all necessary and expedient steps to give effect to the resolution above.
- 3.1.4 Delegate to the Director of Governance and Compliance the authority to seal any necessary documents and confirm that Sharpe Pritchard LLP (Parliamentary Agents) be authorised to deposit and, if necessary, sign the Petition of the Council against the Bill.
- 3.1.5 Delegate the authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Chair of the Corporate Policy Committee and the Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to withdraw any aspect of the Council's Petition against the Bill if this is no longer the appropriate course of action, and to settle or agree any basis for the withdrawal.
- 3.1.6 Note the member engagement in the preparation and progress of the Bill as outlined in Section 7.

## **4 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1** Cheshire East has been an advocate of HS2 in recognition of the wider economic and regeneration potential that it can unlock. This support remains conditional on the following assumptions:
- 4.1.1 That an enhanced hub station is delivered, capable of serving 7 HS2 stopping trains per hour with direct HS2 connectivity to Manchester, Birmingham and London; and
  - 4.1.2 The appropriate levels of mitigation and compensation are secured for Cheshire East.
- 4.2** The Bill, as deposited, and the supporting information released alongside the Bill, including the Environmental Statement, will enable the Council to assess the proposals against the position in 4.1 and outline any areas where it feels it doesn't meet either or both of the conditions in 4.1.1 and 4.1.2.
- 4.3** The Council has the opportunity to influence the proposals and mitigation measures by petitioning against the Bill. The petitioning process is the final opportunity to influence the proposals before the Bill becomes an Act of



Parliament. The petitioning process ultimately results in a hearing at Select Committee.

- 4.4** It is not unusual for an organisation such as a local authority which, in principle, supports a Bill to petition against it in order to seek (for instance) better mitigation for its area. This happened during the promotion of the Phase 1 and Phase 2a Bills and resulted, in some cases, in changes to the proposals in line with the local authority's petitioning position.
- 4.5** The Council petitioned against the HS2 Phase 2a Bill and, as a result, secured a number of assurances. This included a £700,000 Landscape and Environment Enhancement Fund to provide additional environmental and ecological mitigations in and around the line of route. This Fund was increased to £850,000 following the petition of Cheshire Wildlife Trust.
- 4.6** The Council's petition will be informed by the strategic concerns within the Bill. The Council understands that there will be a number of local issues across the line of route. Officers will engage with town and parish councils directly impacted by the scheme, to understand the local concerns and offer guidance on how to petition in their own right. These issues and concerns will be fed into the Petition Reference Group as outlined in Section 7. This process will also ensure the Council fully understands the local issues and can agree which asks will be pursued by the Cheshire East Council and which by the local parish and town councils.
- 4.7** Officers will engage with ward members to explain the petitioning process and gain an understanding of local concerns. These issues and concerns will be fed into the Petition Reference Group as outlined in Section 7. The Petition reference group will act as a sounding board in the preparation and progression of the Council's petition in line with the Council's overall strategic position with regards to the scheme.
- 4.8** It is recommended to authorise the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Chair of the Corporate Policy Committee and Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to take all steps necessary to present the Council's case to the select committee or, in the alternative, to negotiate and agree appropriate Assurances and / or Undertakings on behalf of the Council on the best terms available. (Assurances and Undertakings are discussed further at paragraph 6.19).
- 4.9** Whilst the Council will seek through the Petition Reference Group to develop as much of the negotiating position in advance, experience tells us that further delegation will be required to complete the negotiations.
- 4.10** In November 2017, the Council appointed Sharpe Pritchard, a firm of recognised Parliamentary Agents, following a procurement process, to provide specialist advice and support in relation to the Council's options and position with regards to petitioning against the Phase 2a Bill and Phase 2b Bill. The Council is working closely with these agents and it was concluded that the most appropriate approach was for the Council to petition against the Bill.

- 4.11** The Council recognises the implications of petitioning on Council resources and the input that is required from services across the Council. The delivery of the petition will be managed within existing Council resources, and supplemented by external consultancy support, where needed which will be funded through the HS2 revenue budget. The Project team will work closely with the Council's legal team on all aspects of the petitioning process in line with the delegations within this report.
- 4.12** An additional role will be required to manage the engagement with members and town and parish councils as outlined in Section 7. This role will be required throughout the petitioning process, including when petitioning against any future Additional Provisions and within the House of Lords if required. This role can be funded from the existing HS2 budget.

## **5 Other Options Considered**

- 5.1** The opportunities that the arrival of HS2 could deliver for the Borough and sub-region are significant. However these are predicated on securing the right level of HS2 train service patterns at Crewe and an enhanced Crewe hub station.
- 5.2** The Bill's proposals for a Crewe North Connection would allow for 5/7 HS2 stopping trains per hour at Crewe station and support significant economic growth across the Borough. The petitioning process allows the Council the chance to seek additional enhancements to the Crewe hub proposals to support the local and regional HS2 regeneration and growth plans.
- 5.3** However, delivery of the scheme would see impacts to the Borough's landscape, environment and ecology along the line of route and cause disruption to residents for several years as it is constructed.
- 5.4** By petitioning against the Bill the Council is in a stronger position to negotiate with Government for changes to the proposals, and to secure enhanced mitigation, to minimise the impacts to Cheshire East residents and businesses both during construction, and when the scheme is open.
- 5.5** The only other option is to not petition. Without petitioning against the Bill it could be considered that the Council is satisfied with the current proposals and the Council's further influence on the scheme would be negligible.

Option	Impact	Risk
<b>Do nothing</b> – the Council doesn't resolve to petition.	The Council cannot submit a petition against the Bill and lose their opportunity to appear before the Select Committee.	The Council would not be able to influence the scheme and would be forced to accept the proposals and mitigation measures as they are presented in the Bill. These are likely to be below the standards expected by residents and businesses.

## 6. Background

### Scheme Development

- 6.1** The then Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, announced the initial preferred line of route and station options for Government's proposed new high speed rail line (HS2) in January 2013 and the first round of public consultation ran until the end of January 2014.
- 6.2** The scheme was divided into two principal sections; Phase 1 between London and Birmingham; and Phase 2 between Birmingham and Manchester and Birmingham and Leeds.
- 6.3** In November 2015 the Secretary of State made the decision on the final preferred option for the Line of Route. This included splitting Phase 2 into two sections; Phase 2a between Fradley and Crewe; and Phase 2b between Crewe and Manchester (known as the western leg) and between Birmingham and Leeds (known as the eastern leg).
- 6.4** Phase 2a was accelerated ahead of Phase 2b and a Hybrid Bill for Phase 2a was deposited in September 2017. The Bill gained Royal Assent in February 2021 and is now an Act of Parliament.
- 6.5** In October 2018, Government consulted on a Working Draft Environmental Statement (WDES) and a Working Draft Equality Impact Assessment Report (EIA) for HS2 Phase 2b. This provided a brief outline of their proposals for the scheme and its impacts.
- 6.6** In June 2019, Government launched a Phase 2b Design Refinements Consultation which consulted on several proposed changes to the scheme. These changes included proposals for a temporary construction railhead and permanent maintenance facility near Ashley and passive provision for two NPR junctions (known as touchpoints) near High Legh.

- 6.7** In October 2020, Government launched a Phase 2b Western Leg Design Refinements Consultation which consulted on further proposed changes to the scheme. These included proposals for a Crewe Northern Connection to enable HS2 services to return to the High Speed network north of Crewe. This consultation also sought views on proposed changes to the design of Crewe North Rolling Stock Depot.
- 6.8** On 24 January 2022, the Bill was deposited in Parliament. The Bill includes proposals for the line of route between Crewe and Manchester.
- 6.9** The second reading of the Bill is due to take place in the forthcoming months and possibly as soon as late February 2022. Unless an alternative timetable is set by Government the second reading will trigger a 25 day petitioning period commencing the day after the second reading in Parliament. Therefore, petitions may need to be submitted by as early as March 2022.

### **Hybrid Bill Process**

- 6.10** A Hybrid Bill is a set of proposals for introducing new laws, or changing existing ones. Hybrid Bills are quite rare. They are generally used to secure powers to construct and operate major infrastructure projects of national importance. Hybrid Bills were used for the Channel Tunnel, Crossrail and HS2 Phases 1 and 2a.
- 6.11** Hybrid Bills are able to address both public and private matters. Unlike public Bills, which propose legislation that affects everyone equally, and Private Bills, which change the law in a way that affects some individuals in a different way from others, a hybrid Bill addresses both matters within a single Bill.
- 6.12** A Hybrid Bill will pass through both Houses of Parliament before receiving Royal Assent to become an Act of Parliament. For HS2, the Act of Parliament will grant Government planning permission to build the HS2 network and also give it powers to:
- 6.12.1 operate and maintain HS2 and its associated works;
  - 6.12.2 compulsorily acquire interests in the land required;
  - 6.12.3 affect or change rights of way, including stopping up or diverting highways and waterways (permanently or temporarily);
  - 6.12.4 modify infrastructure belonging to other organisations (like utility companies);
  - 6.12.5 carry out work on listed buildings and demolish buildings in Conservation Areas; and
  - 6.12.6 carry out protective works to buildings and third-party infrastructure

- 6.13** There will be several readings of a Hybrid Bill as it passes through both Houses. The first reading is the date the Hybrid Bill is deposited in the House which, as mentioned above, for this Bill was 24 January 2022.
- 6.14** The petitioning period will begin after the Bill gets its second reading. Individuals, organisations or public bodies who are directly impacted by the proposals in the Bill can petition against the Bill in the form of a written petition, submitted within 25 days from the day after the second reading, unless the House agrees to a different petitioning period.
- 6.15** Petitioning provides an opportunity to seek changes to the scheme or additional mitigation measures across a number of areas. However, a petition cannot be used to argue for or against the scheme itself as the principle of the scheme is approved at second reading.
- 6.16** Government has the opportunity to challenge all or part of a petition and, if so, petitions will progress towards select committee. There will be a specific and separate select committee established to consider each HS2 Hybrid Bill.
- 6.17** The select committee hearings provide the opportunity for petitioners to present their case before the select committee to consider alongside Government's case. Hearings before select committee will be time limited and petitioners will need to prioritise which issues to present to the committee.
- 6.18** The "asks" of petitioners before select committee will need to be within the remit of the committee. The select committee are able to:
- 6.18.1 Make changes to route alignment – so long as they are within the railway's "broad alignment".
  - 6.18.2 Amend the Bill and/or the deposited plans.
  - 6.18.3 Require Government (via the Secretary of State for Transport) to give an undertaking/assurance on a particular matter.
  - 6.18.4 Require one of the Bill's supporting documents to be amended.
  - 6.18.5 "Encourage" the Government and Petitioner to reach agreement.
  - 6.18.6 Make recommendations to Government/give "warm words"
- 6.19** Concessions made by the Government to a petitioner will be set out in either a parliamentary assurance or an undertaking. An assurance will be contained in a letter (usually from the Secretary of State for Transport and HS2 Ltd.) and recorded in a public register. Assurances are enforceable by the Secretary of State in Parliament. Undertakings are legally binding formal agreements, enforceable in the courts in the usual way.

## **7 Consultation and Engagement**

**7.1** The potentially tight deadline between the Bill deposit and petition submission will limit the level of consultation and engagement that can be undertaken as significant officer resource will be required to review the documentation and prepare the petition.

**7.2** As was the case with the Council's petition against Phase 2a, it will not be possible to undertake public engagement or consultation within the tight deadlines the Council will have to prepare its petition. Residents who are directly impacted by the scheme will have the opportunity to petition directly. As with Phase 2a, the Council will engage with local ward members and town and parish councils to understand the local issues and explain how they can petition in their own right.

**7.3** The Council will establish a Town and Parish Council Group. This group will comprise a representative member from the town and parish councils directly impacted by the scheme and Council officers. This group will enable the Council to support town and parish councils through the petitioning process and to understand the local issues.

**7.4** Member engagement has been a crucial part of the Council's response to HS2 to date. During the petitioning process, Members will engage in the process via two member groups.

7.4.1 A ward member liaison group, comprising all ward members directly impacted by the route. This group will enable the Council to support ward members through the petitioning process and to understand the local issues.

7.4.2 A HS2 Phase 2b Petition Reference Group will comprise the following members:

- Cllr Sam Corcoran
- Cllr Craig Browne (Chair)
- Cllr Kate Parkinson
- Cllr Laura Crane
- Cllr Janet Clowes
- Cllr Rod Fletcher

7.4.3 The HS2 Phase 2b Petition Reference Group will act as a sounding board in the preparation and progression of the Council's petition. As set out in the report recommendations, the Executive Director of Place, will have delegation in consultation with the Chair of the Corporate Policy Committee and the Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to withdraw any aspect of the Council's Petition against the Bill if this is no

longer the appropriate course of action, and to settle or agree any basis for the withdrawal.

## **8 Implications**

### **8.1 Legal**

8.1.1 Petitioning against a Bill requires specialist knowledge and expertise in drafting the petition and presenting this to the Select Committee. Parliamentary Agents are solicitors approved by the House of Commons and Lords to undertake this work on behalf of bodies seeking to petition. The Council has appointed Parliamentary Agents to assist with this process.

8.1.2 Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables a local authority to oppose a hybrid bill where it is satisfied that it is expedient to do so, but only in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Act. There is a requirement under section 239 for a local authority to pass a resolution of full Council to deposit a petition in Parliament against a hybrid bill. A majority of all Council Members must vote in favour of the resolution. A specific public notice concerning the proposal to petition against the Bill must be published in at least one local newspaper and there must be 10 clear days between the date of publication and the date of the meeting. .

### **8.2 Finance**

8.2.1 The costs associated with petitioning including internal recharges, consultants' costs, the costs of parliamentary agents and a QC will be funded by HS2 earmarked reserves and the existing HS2 revenue budget. This budget has been set on the expectation that the Council will petition against the Bill as is normal for a local authority when planning for such a project.

8.2.2 The costs of petitioning against the Bill will depend on the number of issues the Council wishes to petition against, the level of resources (internal and external) that are required to develop the evidence base to support the case before the select committee and the number of stages of the hybrid bill process the Council chooses to petition in both Houses. The overall costs could be in the order of £200,000 to £700,000 including internal staff resources. (It should be remembered that the Council could deposit two petitions against the Bill (and more against any Additional Provision) and appear before a Select Committee in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Such appearances require significant preparation).

### **8.3 Policy**

8.3.1 A major national project such as HS2 has national policy objectives. Addressing the development impacts of a project of this scale will cover all the Council's aims within the corporate plan.



- 8.3.2 The petitioning objections put forward by the Council will be in accordance with its policies.

## **8.4 Equality**

- 8.4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment Report for the scheme will be published as part of the hybrid bill deposit. This will be reviewed in accordance with Cheshire East's own equality and diversity policies.
- 8.4.2 Any petition of the Council to the proposals within the Bill will support equality and diversity within the borough.

## **8.5 Human Resources**

- 8.5.1 The preparation and progression of a petition will have human resource implications across the Place Department, particularly across the planning and highways teams.
- 8.5.2 Where possible, the Council will manage the work using existing resources and external consultations where required. However, the national shortage of planners could impact the availability of resources to deliver both the petition and the high volume of planning applications received by the Council.
- 8.5.3 In order to undertake the member engagement outlined in section 7, a new role of Community and Engagement Manager will be required. The costs associated with this role will be funded from existing HS2 budgets.
- 8.5.4 The Community and Engagement Manager role will be required to be filled as early as possible from deposit of the Bill and throughout the duration of the Council's petitioning process. This will depend on both the speed at which HS2 progress the Bill through both Houses and whether the Council petitions against future Additional Provisions and within the House of Lords. The role will be periodically reviewed as the Bill progresses.
- 8.5.5 It is to be noted that the Community Engagement Manager role is specifically in relation to supporting the Council's petition against the Bill. An assessment of the resource requirements for the Council's wider HS2 programme including its role in the Phase 2a line of route, Phase 2b line of route and Crewe hub station and resources needs and resource requirements will be reported separately and through the appropriate budget setting processes.

## **8.6 Risk Management**

- 8.6.1 It is considered that preparing a robust petition will increase the ability of the Council to maintain its influence as a key stakeholder and achieve the best possible final decisions for the Borough.



- 8.6.2 There is a risk that the Council could petition but does not get what it wants, having incurred the costs of consultants, Parliamentary Agents and a QC. This will be mitigated by the Council by only taking forward petition “asks” that are supported by a strong evidence base and that we consider would have a reasonable chance of gaining support from the select committee.

## **8.7 Rural Communities**

- 8.7.1 The proposals within the Bill will have significant impacts on a number of rural communities across the Borough, particularly during the construction period.
- 8.7.2 The Council’s petitioning objections will seek maximum mitigation against the environmental impacts of HS2 on our communities.
- 8.7.3 The petitioning process is the final opportunity for the Council to secure improved mitigation measures to minimise disruption to the rural communities across the Borough before the Bill becomes an Act of Parliament.

## **8.8 Children and Young People/Cared for Children**

- 8.8.1 The proposals in the Bill could have implications on walking routes to school for residents within the Borough which will be reviewed, and where necessary petitioned against, through the petitioning process.
- 8.8.2 The delivery and economic impacts of HS2 will create significant new job opportunities for young people across the Borough in which residents of Cheshire East are well placed to benefit from.

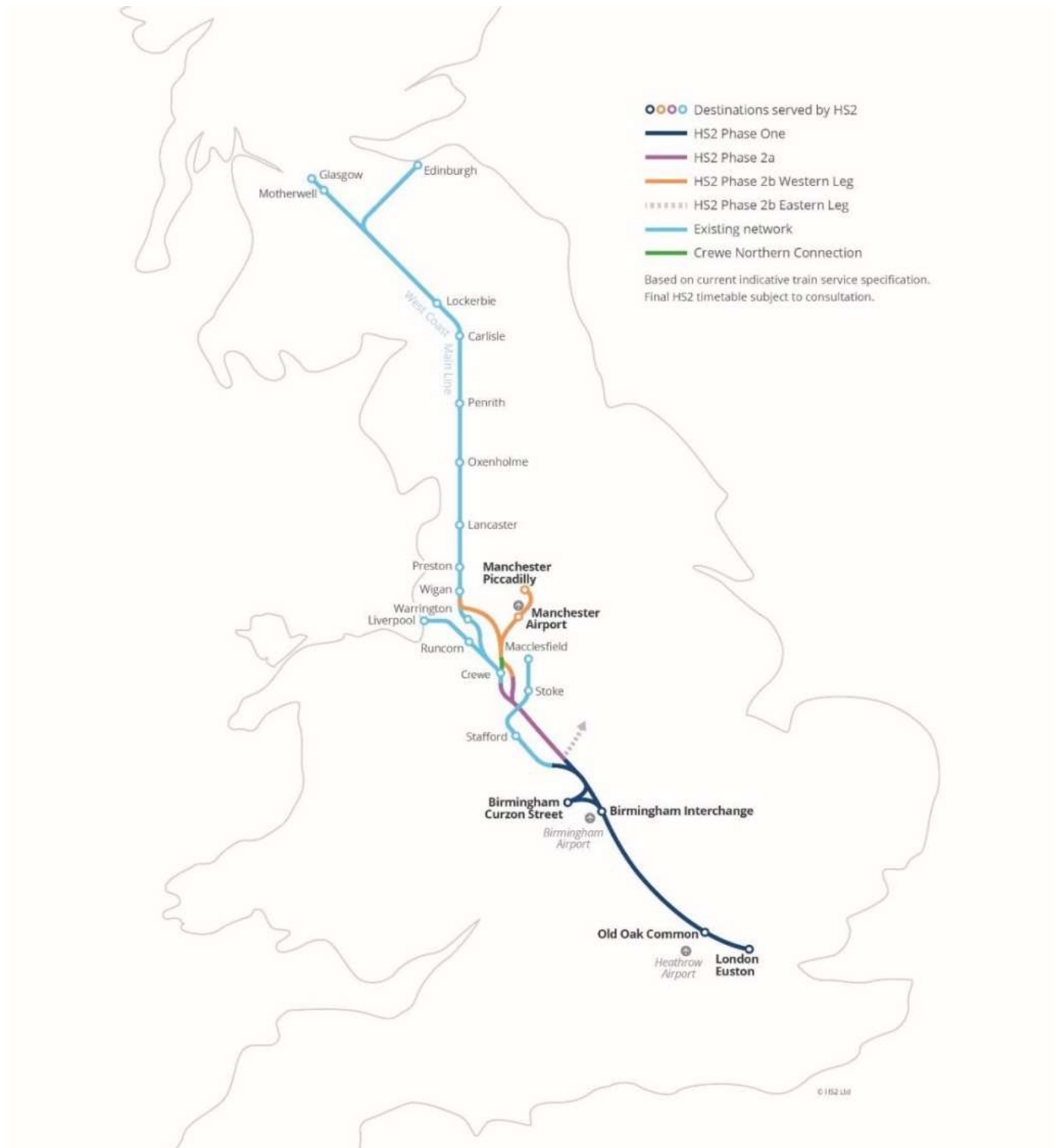
## **8.9 Public Health**

- 8.9.1 A Council petition would seek to ensure that maximum levels of mitigation are secured, including those against the negative environmental impacts of the HS2 proposals. This could include, for example, impacts on air quality and noise pollution.

## **8.10 Climate Change**

- 8.10.1 This is not a Council led scheme and HS2 Ltd has its own published carbon strategy. The petitioning process enables the Council to seek changes to the delivery of the scheme that could reduce its carbon impact.

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Background Papers:	<p>Cheshire East Council High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) Consultation Response, January 2014 <a href="#">HS2 Consultation Response - report final.pdf (cheshireeast.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>High Speed Rail -(West Midlands Crewe) Bill (HS2 Phase 2a) Petitioning, December 2017 <a href="#">Cabinet paper template (cheshireeast.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill Petition, February 2022 (<a href="#">Agenda for Corporate Policy Committee on Thursday, 10th February, 2022, 10.00 am   Cheshire East Council</a>)</p>

Appendix 1: HS2 Route Map <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [M14.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/m14.pdf)

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**Appendix 2: Access to High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill and supporting papers**

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill as deposited

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/58-02/0228/210228.pdf>

Supporting papers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase-2b-high-speed-rail-crewe-manchester-bill-2022>

Environmental Statement

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase2b-crewe-manchester-environmental-statement>

Equality Impact Assessment Report

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/equality-impact-assessment-for-hs2-phase-2b-crewe-manchester>

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## **Full Council**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 February 2022
<b>Report Title:</b>	Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund
<b>Report of:</b>	Jayne Traverse – Executive Director - Place
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	All

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. On 23 August 2021 the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) announced the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1, which presented an opportunity for Registered Providers (RPs) of Social Housing, including Private and Local Authority providers, to apply for funding to be used to improve the energy performance of Social Housing.
- 1.2. It was a requirement of the bidding process that applications must be led by a Local Authority. On 15 October 2021 Cheshire East submitted a bid for funding on behalf of The Guinness Partnership, Plus Dane Housing and Peaks and Plains Housing Trust.
- 1.3. On 7 February 2022, notification was received that our bid had been successful and an award of £1,564,716 will be made to the Council, subject to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with BEIS.
- 1.4. The grant will require a supplementary estimate approving by Full Council in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, Chapter 3, Part 3, paragraph 18.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1. At the full Council meeting on 22 May 2019, members approved a Notice of Motion relating to Climate Change, and committed to “work with all businesses, residents and organisations in Cheshire East to reduce their carbon footprint by reducing energy consumptions and promoting healthy lifestyles”. The Carbon Neutral Action Plan sets out actions to reduce carbon

emissions from housing, including encouraging and enabling retrofit to the housing stock.

- 2.2.** The Council's Corporate Plan 2021-25 sets out our vision for a more open, fairer, greener Cheshire East. The Plan sets our priorities under the three broad aims including "a thriving and sustainable place" which includes the aim to be a carbon neutral council by 2025, which this initiative will contribute towards.
- 2.3.** Following the announcement of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund in August 2021, Cheshire East officers engaged with RPs operating across the Cheshire East area to establish interest in a bid to improve the energy performance of their housing stock.
- 2.4.** The Guinness Partnership, Plus Dane Housing and Peaks & Plains Housing Trust put forward proposals which were consolidated into a bid submitted to BEIS by the Council on 15 October 2021. The bid had to contain a commitment by the RPs to contribute co-funding of at least one-third of the cost. There is no requirement for the Council to contribute co-funding, but as the accountable body we are expected to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and administer the grant, reporting progress to BEIS on a monthly basis.
- 2.5.** BEIS recently notified Cheshire East that we have been successful in our bid for £1,564,716. This award will enable us to significantly improve the energy efficiency of 162 social housing properties with funding of between £10,000 and £16,000 per property.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1.** Council is recommended:
  - 3.1.1.** To accept the grant offer of £1,564,716 from BEIS for the purpose of improving the energy performance of social housing.
  - 3.1.2.** To approve a fully funded Supplementary Capital Estimate up to the value of the grant offer.
  - 3.1.3.** To authorise the Director of Growth and Enterprise and Section 151 Officer to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on behalf of the Council, and to take all other necessary measures to fully administer and distribute the grant.

### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1.** The Council's Constitution states that where services wish to undertake an activity not originally identified in the budget, approval must be sought for a supplementary estimate.



4.2. Expenditure of over £1,000,000 must be approved by full Council.

## 5. Other Options Considered

5.1. This section is not applicable.

## 6. Background

6.1. On 23 August 2021 BEIS invited RPs to apply for funding to be used to improve the energy performance of social housing, through the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1 competition (SHDF Wave 1). Applications to SHDF Wave 1 had to be led by a Local Authority.

6.2. SHDF Wave 1 is based upon three key principles:

6.2.1. **Worst first.** Properties with lower Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) bands should be improved.

6.2.2. **Fabric first.** Insulation and heat loss prevention measures such as cavity wall insulation, solid wall insulation, loft insulation and underfloor insulation should be prioritised to maximise comfort and bill savings for the tenant. Low carbon heating can be installed where the fabric of the building is suitably insulated.

6.2.3. **Lowest regrets.** The approach to retrofit should minimise the potential for measures needing to be replaced in the future on the journey to net zero for the social housing stock.

6.3. The competition guidance sets out a range of criteria that needed to be met for a successful application:

6.3.1. Properties to be improved must be in EPC Band D, E, F or G (with G being the worst) and should be improved to Band C or higher.

6.3.2. Funding is capped per property based on a sliding scale, with a funding cap of £16,000 for Band F and G properties, £12,000 for Band E properties, and £10,000 for Band D properties.

6.3.3. RPs must provide co-funding of at least one-third of the costs. SHDF Wave 1 grant funding will fund a maximum of two-thirds of the costs.

6.3.4. Works must be compliant with relevant industry standards and undertaken by suitably accredited contractors.

6.4. Cheshire East wrote to the Chief Executives of the 32 RPs operating in the borough to invite them to participate in the bid. 4 RPs expressed an initial interest, and 3 RPs progressed this interest to become part of the bid.

6.5. The 'worst first' principle for the scheme meant that the number of RPs that would be eligible was limited to those with older stock where some properties had poorer energy performance, and therefore the low level of interest from RPs was in line with expectations.

- 6.6.** A bid was developed in conjunction with the Guinness Partnership, Plus Dane Housing, and Peaks & Plains Housing Trust, utilising stock condition data held by each of the RPs to identify properties that are suitable for retrofitting and will achieve an improved energy performance as a result.
- 6.7.** The bid was submitted on 15 October 2021 for £1,564,716 to improve 162 social housing properties across Cheshire East. Notification was received on 7 February 2022 that the bid had been successful. The breakdown of funding is as follows:

	<b>Guinness</b>	<b>Plus Dane</b>	<b>Peaks &amp; Plains</b>	<b>Cheshire East</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Capital</b>	£ 530,000	£ 294,581	£ 546,031	£ 0	<b>£ 1,370,612</b>
<b>Admin and Ancillary Costs</b>	£ 36,227	£ 44,316	£ 52,761	£ 60,800	<b>£ 194,104</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 566,227</b>	<b>£ 338,897</b>	<b>£ 598,792</b>	<b>£ 60,800</b>	<b>£ 1,564,716</b>

- 6.8.** Whilst the Council will not receive any capital funding to improve properties, as the lead bidder it will be responsible for the monitoring and administration of the scheme. Costs were included in the bid for project management to oversee the scheme and ensure effective delivery.
- 6.9.** In order to secure the funding, the Council must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with BEIS by 28 February 2022.
- 6.10.** The grant must be spent between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. Any unspent funds must be returned to BEIS, except where there is an agreed use of underspend between BEIS and the Council.

## **7. Implications**

### **7.1. Legal**

- 7.1.1.** The offer of the grant has been made in line with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 and Local Authorities must use the capital receipt of the purposes outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.
- 7.1.2.** In order to formally accept the grant the Council must authorise an officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Council. This document must be signed and returned to BEIS by 28 February 2022. It is important to note that the Council must administer the grant monies in accordance with the terms stipulated within the Memorandum of Understanding by the Secretary of State.

**7.1.3.** Local authorities must ensure that any award of funding does not breach current subsidy control legislation applicable in the United Kingdom.

**7.1.4.** If the grant offer as outlined in para 3.1.1 is accepted the Council would negotiate and settled on a collaboration agreement with the registered providers identified in para 2.4 which would address the mode of distribution for the funding.

**7.2. Finance**

**7.2.1.** The Supplementary Capital Estimate is fully funded by an external grant and once approved will become a named scheme within the Council's capital programme and will be monitored accordingly in line with the conditions of the grant.

**7.3. Policy**

**7.3.1.** The Corporate Plan 2021-25 includes the vision for an Open, Fair and Green Cheshire East. The corporate plan includes delivery of the actions in the carbon action plan , including providing support to householders to reduce their carbon use.

**7.3.2.** The Housing Strategy 2018-2023 includes a priority to promote affordable warmth and reduce fuel poverty, including an action to develop initiatives to improve affordable warmth and secure funding for affordable warmth initiatives.

**7.4. Equality**

**7.4.1.** As the accountable body for the scheme, Cheshire East will undertake an Equality Impact Assessment in conjunction with the RPs.

**7.5. Human Resources**

**7.5.1.** A proportion of the funding can be used to administer the scheme which will support existing roles as well as secure any temporary increase in staff resources that may be needed.

**7.6. Risk Management**

**7.6.1.** Failure to submit the required signed MOU by 28 February 2022 would place the funding offer at risk of withdrawal by BEIS.

**7.7. Rural Communities**

**7.7.1.** Delivering a domestic energy efficiency retrofit programme will directly target rural fuel poverty in social housing, with off-gas properties being included in the portfolio of properties that will be improved.

**7.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children**

- 7.8.1.** There are no direct implications, but improvements in thermal comfort and reducing fuel poverty will benefit the wellbeing of any children living in improved properties.

**7.9. Public Health**

- 7.9.1.** Improving energy efficiency of housing has a direct impact on the physical and mental wellbeing of residents by improving thermal comfort of their home and making heating the home more affordable.

**7.10. Climate Change**

- 7.10.1.** Energy use in homes accounts for 28% of carbon emissions in Cheshire East. The Council has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2025 and to encourage all businesses, residents and organisations in Cheshire East to reduce their carbon footprint. The domestic energy efficiency retrofit works will directly contribute to tackling climate change.

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## **Council**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 February 2022
<b>Report Title:</b>	Political Representation on the Council's Committees
<b>Report of:</b>	Jane Burns, Executive Director-Corporate Services
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	All

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** To report to Council a change in political group membership and to secure a resolution from Council in respect of the political proportionalities of the Council, and committee memberships.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1** The law requires that each relevant Council decision making body must be politically balanced as far as reasonably practicable, and that there is an appropriate total balance of Committee seats across the political structure of the Council of the whole.
- 2.2** This report addresses a recent change in political group membership, a group member having become a "non-grouped independent" Councillor.
- 2.3** The Appendix to this report reflects discussions between the Council's political groups, and the agreed position between them.
- 2.4** The report recommendations seek a resolution of Council, as required by legislation.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1.** That the political group and other representation, as set out in the Appendix to this report, and the methods, calculations and conventions used in determining this, as outlined in the report, be adopted and the allocation of places to Committees be approved.

#### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

4.1. In order to ensure compliance with legislation.

#### **5. Other Options Considered**

5.1. This section is not applicable as legislation requires the Council's political representation on committees, and its political structure, to be reviewed upon a change in political group membership.

#### **6. Background**

6.1. The Appendix sets out the political representation on committees, this being based on the political structure of the Council as a whole.

6.2. The proportionalities in the Appendix have been arrived at by the following methods and conventions:

- applying the relevant percentage to each body
- rounding up from 0.5 and above, and rounding down below 0.5
- where rounding up would result in more than one political Group receiving an additional seat, and the total allocation of seats exceeding what is required, the Group having the lowest residual entitlement will not receive an additional seat
- where the required number of members for a decision-making body cannot be achieved using the above methods and calculations, the political group having the largest residual entitlement for that body will be entitled to be awarded the additional place (e.g. if one group is entitled to 4.25 places, and another group is entitled to 1.48 places, the first group will be awarded 4 places on the body in question, and the second group will be awarded 2 places)
- where two or more political Groups have an identical residual percentage, the agreement of one Group to sacrifice a seat will be observed. Alternatively, the matter will be resolved by the toss of a coin.

#### **7. Consultation and Engagement**

7.1. In preparing the Appendix to this report, consultation took place with the Council's political groups, and with the non-grouped independent Members, who agreed its contents.

#### **8. Implications**

##### **8.1. Legal**

8.1.1. The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, made pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, make provisions in respect of the political group representation on a local

authority's committees, in relation to the overall political composition of the Council. The legislation applies to overview and scrutiny committees and the decision-making committees and sub committees of the Council.

**8.1.2.** The legislation requires that, where proportionality applies, and seats are allocated to different political groups, the authority must abide by the following principles, so far as is reasonably practicable:

**8.1.3.** Not all of the seats can be allocated to the same political group (ie there are no single-group committees).

**8.1.4** The majority of the seats on the body are to be allocated to a political group with a majority membership of the authority.

**8.1.5.** The total number of seats on all ordinary committees and sub committees allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council.

**8.1.6.** The proposals contained in this report meet the requirements of the legislation.

**8.1.7.** The 1990 Regulations require Political Group Leaders to notify the Proper Officer of the Groups' nominations to the bodies in question.

## **8.2 Finance**

**8.2.1.** There are no direct financial implications.

## **8.3 Policy**

**8.3.1** There are no direct implications for policy.

## **8.4 Equality**

**8.4.1** There are no direct implications for equality.

## **8.5 Human Resources**

**8.5.1** There are no direct human resource implications.

## **8.6 Risk Management**

**8.6.1** Failure to comply with the Act and Regulations when appointing its committee memberships would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

## **8.7 Rural Communities**

**8.7.1** There are no direct implications for rural communities.

## **8.8 Children and Young People/Cared for Children**

**8.8.1** There are no direct implications for children and young people/Cared for Children.

## 8.9 Public Health

**8.9.1** There are no direct implications for public health.

## 8.10 Climate Change

**8.10.1** There are no direct climate change implications.

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## APPENDIX A

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL - POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITIES ON ALL BODIES (other than those to be appointed on an ad-hoc basis)

Based upon the following:

Con:31; Lab:25; Ind:18; Lib Dem:4; R. Ind:2; NGI (non-Grouped independent Members):2

Committee	Con.	Lab.	Ind.	Lib. Dem.	R. Ind	NGI	Total Allocated
Overview and scrutiny cttee	5	3	2	1	2	0	13
Corporate Policy cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Economy and Growth cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Highways and Transport cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Env. and Communities Cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Children and Families cttee	5	4	3	1	0	0	13
Adults and Health cttee	4	4	3	1	0	1	13
Finance Sub cttee	3	3	2	0	0	0	8
Audit and Governance Committee	4	3	2	0	0	0	9
Strategic Planning Board	5	4	2	0	1	0	12
Northern Planning Committee	5	3	3	0	0	1	12
Southern Planning Committee	5	4	3	0	0	0	12
Licensing Committee	4	4	3	1	1	2	15
Appointment cttee	3	3	2	0	0	0	8
Committee	Con.	Lab.	Ind.	Lib. Dem.	R. Ind	N.G.I	Total
Total Places allocated	63	51	37	8	4	4	167
Percentage entitlement	37.80	30.49	21.95	4.88	2.44	2.44	100%
Proportional Entitlement	63	51	37	8	4	4	167
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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## **Council**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 February 2022
<b>Report Title:</b>	Nomination of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2022-23 Civic Year
<b>Report of:</b>	Jane Burns, Executive Director-Corporate Services
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	All Wards

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** Council is required to consider nominations for the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2022-23 Civic Year.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1** This report enables Council to determine which Members should be formally considered for election to the Mayoralty and Deputy Mayoralty, at the Mayor Making Ceremony on 18 May 2022.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1** That Council is recommended to:

Resolve that a Member be designated as Mayor Elect and that a second Member be designated as Deputy Mayor Elect, with a view to their formal election and appointment as Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Cheshire East for the 2022-23 Civic Year, at the Mayor Making ceremony to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1.** To ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made for the Mayor Making ceremony on 18 May 2022 and to agree a process to provide certainty that matters affecting the Mayoralty can be dealt with in a timely manner, with appropriate Member input.

## **5. Other Options Considered**

5.1. There is no realistic alternative to the course of action proposed.

## **6. Background**

6.1. This report asks Council to agree which Members will be put forward for election as Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the Mayor Making Ceremony. Such a decision will assist the proposed civic office holders, and officers, in making arrangements for the new Civic Year.

## **7. Consultation and Engagement**

7.1 No formal consultation has taken place in relation to this report.

## **8. Implications**

### **8.1. Legal**

8.1.1. The meeting of Annual Council must formally elect the Mayor and appoint a Deputy Mayor.

### **8.2. Finance**

8.2.1. All allowances and expenses relating to the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been budgeted for in the 2022/23 Revenue Budget.

### **8.3. Policy**

8.3.1. There are no direct implications for policy.

### **8.4. Equality**

8.4.1. There are no direct implications for equality.

### **8.5. Human Resources**

8.5.1. There are no direct human resource implications.

### **8.6. Risk Management**

8.6.1. There are no risks in respect of the recommendations. There is advantage in Council designating Members as Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect in advance of the Annual Meeting, in order for there to be certainty prior to the beginning of the new civic year.

### **8.7. Rural Communities**

8.7.1. There are no direct implications for rural communities.

### **8.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children**

8.8.1. There are no direct implications for children and young people/Cared for Children.

**8.9. Public Health**

**8.9.1.** There are no direct implications for public health.

**8.10. Climate Change**

**8.10.1.** There are no direct climate change implications.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	None.
Background Papers:	None.

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**COUNCIL – 24 FEBRUARY 2022****NOTICES OF MOTION****Submitted to Council in Accordance with the Council Procedural Rules****1 Car Free Days and Parklets****Proposed by Councillor S Akers Smith and Seconded by Councillor D Murphy**

**“The Council’s Corporate Plan Green Priority of a thriving and sustainable place supports economic growth in the high street and encourages more people to use their cars less and walk and cycle more especially for short journeys into and out of the town or village centre. Car Free Days and Parklets are a way of achieving this ambition as set out in the attached document (see links below).**

**Council therefore requests that a communications plan be developed, explaining how residents and communities across the towns and villages are able to host a car free day and to introduce parklets within the high street for businesses before World Car Free Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. “**

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/about-us/our-work-in-action/world-car-free-day>

[Planting parklets is the next big thing \(transportxtra.com\)](#)

**2 Local Authority Remote/Hybrid Meetings****Proposed by Councillor S Corcoran and Seconded by Councillor C Browne**

**“This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5 January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures.”**

*Wording of Petition*

*Currently, local councils in England cannot hold their meetings remotely. This was temporarily relaxed during the covid lockdown in 2020/21 but that ended in April 2021 when the temporary statutory regulations expired. The Government has argued that a permanent provision would require a change to primary legislation and there is not sufficient Parliamentary time to enable this to happen. The Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO) and Lawyers in Local Government (LLG) made an application to the High Court (supported by the Government, the Local Government Association (LGA) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)) that existing legislation allowed for that permanent provision. The High Court disagreed, saying that it was for Parliament to change the law. Since then, LLG and ADSO, together with other similar organisations (plus individual councils and councillors) have been lobbying the Government without success. The LGA and NALC have also been supporting councils throughout this time.*

*We do not wish to impose remote meetings on councils. They should have the choice to decide how they run their meetings depending on local circumstances. They know best.*

*The period of lockdown showed that remote meetings bring so many benefits to local democracy and residents, apart from the obvious public health safeguards. It is no longer just a response to Covid.*

*Local democracy benefitted from:*

- Increased attendances at remote meetings by both councillors and the public  
Significant cost savings for some authorities arising from much less travel to meetings  
The environmental benefits of less travel, particularly in the large county authorities  
A better work/life balance for councillors*
- Improved equality of access to meetings for all and opening up opportunities for more people to stand for election as councillors*
- More transparency and openness for the public to see council meetings  
An option to move meetings online when there are constraints, for example bad weather such as snow or flooding.*

*A recent post on social media received 100 responses of which 98 supported the option of remote meetings. Whilst this is a very small sample, we are confident it is representative of the general feeling across the country.*

*We therefore call on the government to create Parliamentary time to agree a change in the law to allow councils in England to meet remotely if they wish.*

[\*Petition · For Councils in England to have the choice to meet remotely · Change.org\*](#)



# Schedule of Urgent Decisions

## Urgent decisions made following Member consultation

Date	Summary of decision	Decision on behalf of	Members, MO/S151 consulted/ content?	Status
28.01.22	<p>To accept £3.714 million from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for further decarbonisation of Council buildings.</p> <p>The making of a supplementary capital, this to be funded from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant.</p> <p>To authorise the Director of Growth and Enterprise to sign the grant offer agreement.</p>	Council	Yes	Complete

## Urgent decisions made by the Chief Executive relating to Covid-19 funding etc under general delegation dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Date	Summary of decision	MO/S151 consulted	Status
10.01.22	<p>Workforce Retention Fund- January 2022 extension: Approval of a Supplementary Revenue Estimate of £1,813,297, to be funded from the Workforce Recruitment and Retention Fund for Adult Social Care for Local Authorities allocation for Cheshire East. The authorisation of expenditure in accordance with the grant guidance.</p>	Yes	Completed
10.01.22	Omicron Grant:	Yes	Completed

	<p>Approval of a Supplementary Revenue Estimate of £3,486,195 to be funded from the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant.</p> <p>The Executive Director-Corporate Services be authorised to fully distribute the funding, subject to conditions.</p>		
10.01.22	<p>Additional Restrictions Grant for businesses:</p> <p>Approval of Supplementary Revenue Estimate of £827,108.95 to be funded from the Additional Restrictions Grant.</p> <p>Authorisation to the Executive Directors to develop policies and procedures as required, and then to fully distribute funding subject to consultation with the Chair of the appropriate Committee.</p>	Yes	Completed