

Finance Sub-Committee Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,

Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the top of each report.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. Apologies for Absence

To note any apologies for absence from Members.

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.

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3. Public Speaking/Open Session

In accordance with paragraph 2.24 of the Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking, set out in the <u>Constitution</u>, a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to put questions to the Sub-Committee on any matter relating to this agenda. Each member of the public will be allowed up to two minutes to speak; the Chair will have discretion to vary this 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.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 28)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2022.

5. Aligning the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to the Committee Structure (Pages 29 - 78)

To consider a report which will determine the allocation of the approved budgets to each of the service committees and inform the financial reporting cycle for 2022/23.

6. **Business Rates Briefing** (Pages 79 - 86)

To consider a briefing report which provides members with an overview of the Business Rates system and its impact on the MTFS, together with an update on the Government's proposed review of Business Rates.

7. Work Programme (Pages 87 - 88)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

8. **Procurement Pipeline** (Pages 89 - 104)

To consider a report which provides an update of the pipeline of procurement activity.

9. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

10. **Procurement Pipeline** (Pages 105 - 144)

To receive details of waivers as referred to in the Procurement Pipeline report.

11. Extra Care Housing PFI Schemes

To receive an oral update.

12. **Proposed Shareholder Resolution**

To receive an oral update.

Membership: Councillors Q Abel, D Brown, S Carter (Vice-Chair), J Clowes, S Gardiner, N Mannion, B Puddicombe and A Stott (Chair)