

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date:	Thursday, 24th November, 2022
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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

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

In accordance with paragraphs 2.24 of the Council's Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to put questions to the committee on any matter relating to this agenda. Each member of the public will be allowed up to two minutes each to speak, and 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 and should include the question with that notice.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022.

5. **Audit & Governance Action Log** (Pages 13 - 18)

To consider the Audit & Governance Action Log.

6. **Ward Member Budgets** (Pages 19 - 44)

To consider the Ward Member Budget report considered by Highways Committee on 22 September 2022.

7. **Internal Audit Plan 2022/23: Progress Update** (Pages 45 - 82)

To receive an update on work undertaken by Internal Audit between April and September 2022 and how this, along with planned work for the remainder of the financial year will contribute to the Annual Internal Audit Opinion for 2022/23.

8. **Annual Governance Statement 2021/22**

To receive a verbal update on the Audit Governance Statement 2021/22.

9. **External Audit Progress Report** (Pages 83 - 100)

To receive a verbal update report on both the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Audits by Mazars, the Council's external auditors, and the outcome of the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) exercise for the appointment of the Council's auditors from 2023/24 to 2027/28.

10. **Risk Management Update**

To receive a Risk Management update.

To follow.

11. **Standing Item: Work Programme 2022/23** (Pages 101 - 106)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

12. **Standing Item: Compliance with Contract Procedure Rules** (Pages 107 - 112)

To consider an update to the Audit and Governance Committee on the number of cases where, and reasons why, procurement activity has required the use of waivers and/or non-adherences (WARNs).

13. **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 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.

14. **Standing Item: Compliance with Contract Procedure Rules: PART TWO** (Pages 113 - 140)

To note the approved WARNs.

Membership: Councillors R Bailey, C Bulman, M Goldsmith, A Harewood, M Houston, P Redstone, M Sewart, M Simon (Chair) and J Nicholas (Vice-Chair)