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To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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Dear Sir / Madam

A meeting of the **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, MOLD CH7 6NA** on **TUESDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 2013** at **2.00 PM** to consider the following items.

Yours faithfully

Democracy & Governance Manager

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interests from Members.

4 **COUNCIL MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 20)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings held on the 25 October and 13 November, 2012.

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5 **CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

6 **PETITIONS**

7 **NOTICE OF MOTION** (Pages 21 - 22)

The following Notices of Motion have been received:-

(1) Councillor C.S. Carver

"In the interests of openness and transparency, this Motion calls for the Council to publish a separate supplementary report to coincide with and accompany the presentation to Council of the Annual Statement of Accounts.

This supplementary report to contain, in the same style and presentation as the existing Senior Employee Emoluments – Salary over £150,000 per year and Salary over £60,000 per year, the same financial information for ALL Council Employees, Consultants and 'Non-permanent Posts' with a Salary over £60,000 per year who are NOT listed within the existing framework of the Annual Statement of Accounts.

In instances where those employees are in post for less than the financial year, then both their actual Salary and equivalent annualised Salary are to be shown."

(2) Councillors: C.J. Dolphin, R. Dolphin, N.M. Matthews, R.J.T. Guest, H.J. McGuill, N. Phillips and A. Bragg

"Council notes:

1. The relentless increase in domestic energy costs and the consequent similar increase in instances of fuel poverty in Flintshire.
2. the Switching Energy Scheme operated by South Lakeland District Council for the benefit of residents of that Council – **A summary of the scheme is attached for Members information.**

Accordingly, Council requests the Director of Environment to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of introducing a similar scheme in Flintshire and to bring a report to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee as soon as practical."

8 **QUESTIONS**

To note the answers to any questions submitted in accordance with County Council Standing Order No. 9.4(A).

9 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Minute Book, Edition 2 2012/13 has been circulated to Members. Members are now entitled to ask questions on these minutes, subject to certain limitations, and answers will be provided at the meeting. Members are requested to bring to the meeting their copy of the Minute Book. Any questions must have been received by the Democracy and Governance Manager prior to the close of business on Wednesday 23 January, 2013.

- 10 **FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY COVENANT** (Pages 23 - 40)
Report of the Chief Executive enclosed. Ms. Tanya Clancy, Military Civil Integration Officer for 160 (Wales) Brigade, will provide a short presentation at the meeting.
- 11 **ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME - APRIL 2013**
(Pages 41 - 100)
Report of the Head of Finance enclosed.
- 12 **SERVICE REVIEW DECISIONS OF THE BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD**
The Chief Executive and Director of Community Services to give a verbal report on the implementation of the decisions of the Board on the service review reports presented to it on 18 January, and on the arrangements for service transition. The decisions of the Board and the background reports are available on the Board's website - <http://tinyurl.com/b5jvmkv>
- 13 **FLINTSHIRE LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2012 - 2017** (Pages 101 - 144)
Report of the Director of Community Services enclosed.
- 14 **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013/14 OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES** (Pages 145 - 152)
Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services enclosed.
- 15 **BUILDINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST PROCEDURE** (Pages 153 - 180)
Report of the Director of Environment enclosed.
- 16 **CHINESE LANTERNS**

At its meeting on 13 September 2011 the County Council considered a notice of motion about Chinese Lanterns and resolved "*That in view of the inherent danger to livestock, farm produce and the countryside in general caused by the release and launch of Chinese Lanterns, the County Council calls upon the Westminster Parliament and/or the Welsh Government to introduce legislation to ban the sale and use of such flying devices.*" Representations were subsequently made to Westminster Government calling for Parliament to introduce legislation to ban the sale and use of Chinese/sky lanterns.

To date the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) have not been minded to introduce specific legislation, preferring instead to rely upon the General Product Safety Regulations. However, they have issued guidance to the trade, including an example of a safety leaflet which can be obtained from Flintshire Trading Standards.

In May 2012, the Wales Heads of Trading Standards (WHOTS) carried out a survey into the availability, supply and labelling of Chinese Lanterns across Wales and produced an article summarising the results; some initial headline figures can be viewed via the link <http://tinyurl.com/an7c63e>

On the 17th December 2012 the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) commissioned an independent review of Chinese Lanterns. This review is supported by Welsh Government Officials and will consider the impact of Chinese Lanterns on animal welfare, littering and the potential fire risks.

Locally, Flintshire County Council have advised some market traders on issues surrounding the lanterns that has resulted in the traders agreeing not to stock them in future.