

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Constitution Committee on Wednesday, 27 January 2016**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A2</b>	Minutes	That the minutes be received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
<b>A3</b>	ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	That the updating changes to the Code of Corporate Governance as shown in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
<b>A4</b>	THE '6 MONTH RULE'	<p>(a) That, until such time as the position is clarified by further legislation or case law, the following convention will be used, in addition to the legislation, to interpret whether a councillor has satisfied the 6 month rule:</p> <p>‘Attendance by a councillor to observe, listen to or speak at any meetings of the Cabinet (or any of its sub-committees), a committee, a sub-committee, a working group or task and finish group or member workshop (whether the public is entitled to attend some or all of the meeting) will be deemed sufficient to satisfy the requirement to attend meetings contained within s.85 of the Local government Act 1972 (“the 6 month rule”); and</p> <p>(b) That Council be recommended to expressly confirm the authority of the Monitoring Officer to decide whether a councillor has complied with the 6 month rule.</p>
<b>A5</b>	CONTRACTS REQUIRING SEALING	That section 12.10 of the Constitution be amended to reflect that in the Contract Procedure rules, as the recommendation, to read - ‘When any document is necessary to any legal procedure or proceedings on behalf of the Council, it will be signed by the Chief Officer, Governance or other person

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		authorised by him/her, unless any enactment otherwise authorises or requires, or the Council has given requisite authority to some other person’.
<b>A6</b>	Proposed alterations to Local Resolution Procedure	That the amended wording of the Local Resolution Procedure (as appended to the report) be approved and recommended to the County Council for adoption.