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To: All Members of the Council

23 February 2017

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Flintshire County Council which will be held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 1st March, 2017 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Mold CH7 6NA to consider the following items

## **A G E N D A**

### **1 PRESENTATIONS**

Recognition of the success of Custom House Court in the New Development Category of the Chartered Institute of Housing Welsh Housing Awards.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Purpose:** To receive any apologies.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Purpose:** To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

### **4 PETITIONS**

**Purpose:** To receive any Petitions.

### **5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Purpose:** To receive any Public Questions.

### **6 QUESTIONS**

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

## 7 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Purpose:** The Minute Book, Edition 5 2016/17 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 Democratic Services Manager prior to the close of business on 23 February 2017.

## 8 NOTICE OF MOTION

**Purpose:** To consider the following Notices of Motion.

(i) Councillor Andy Dunbobbin

Making the next Census count for our Armed Forces community. Draft Motion in Support of '*Count Them In*'. This council notes:

1. The obligations its owes to the Armed Forces community within Flintshire County Council as enshrined in the Armed Forces Covenant; that the Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and that special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given the most.
2. The absence of definitive and comprehensive statistics on the size or demographics of the Armed Forces community within Flintshire County Council. This includes serving Regular and Reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.
3. That the availability of such data would greatly assist the Council, local partner agencies, the voluntary sector, and national Government in the planning and provision of services to address the unique needs of the Armed Forces community within Flintshire County Council.

In light of the above, this Council moves to support and promote The Royal British Legion's call to include a new topic in the 2021 Census that concerns military service and membership of the Armed Forces community. We further call upon the UK Parliament, which will approve the final Census questionnaire through legislation in 2019, to ensure that the 2021 Census includes questions concerning our Armed Forces community.

(ii) Councillor David Roney

In recognising the fantastic Council house building programme where Flintshire County Council will be building 200 homes over 5 years,

I ask that this Council installs Solar Panels to all of the houses currently being constructed and all future constructions to make these homes even better, and set an example to the building trade.

I also ask that this Council requests the present and future Westminster Governments to increase the feed-in tariff to encourage more use of this clean and renewable source of energy.

(iii) Councillor Helen Brown

We Flintshire County Council call upon the National Assembly for Wales and Parliament to ensure legislation is put in place to ensure every child's safety is put first when travelling to and from school.

We want peace of mind that our children are safe when travelling to and from school. We want designated school buses with appropriate funding so that entitled children can travel safely to and from school, each with a seat belt, with no child forced to travel on overcrowded public buses. Children's safety must come first.

Our children have the right to feel safe. Public buses can become overcrowded and children do not always feel safe. Public buses are for public use not for dedicated school use. Local Councils cannot currently run appropriate safe dedicated services for children along commercially operated public bus routes.

We ask for this Council to work with both Governments to bring about the necessary changes to the current legislation and provision.

9 **COUNCIL TAX SETTING FOR 2017-18** (Pages 5 - 20)

Report of Chief Officer (Community and Enterprise) -

**Purpose:** To approve the Council Tax charges for the following year as part of budget setting.

10 **REGIONAL WORKING AND THE WHITE PAPER 'REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: RESILIENT AND RENEWED'** (Pages 21 - 90)

Report of Chief Executive -

**Purpose:** (1) to update the Council on regional working in North Wales as context for considering the White Paper which proposes an alternative to local government reorganisation and  
(2) to invite the Council to make a formal response to the White Paper.

11 **TRADE UNION (WALES) BILL** (Pages 91 - 106)

Report of Chief Executive -

**Purpose:** To invite the Council to support the Bill on the recommendation of Cabinet.

12 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT** (Pages 107 - 134)

Report of Chief Executive and Senior Manager, Human Resources & Organisational Development -

**Purpose:** To provide Members with a summary of the Pay Policy Statement which summarises the Council's approach to pay and remuneration for the year ahead.

13 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** (Pages 135 - 170)

Report of Chief Executive -

**Purpose:** To approve the revised Code of Corporate Governance for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.

14 **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION** (Pages 171 - 174)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

**Purpose:** Having regard to ongoing organisational changes, to seek authority for the Chief Officer (Governance) and the Democratic Services Manager to change job titles within the Constitution as necessary.

15 **POOLING OF PENSIONS INVESTMENTS IN WALES** (Pages 175 - 242)

Report of Chief Executive and Clwyd Pension Fund Manager -

**Purpose:** To establish a joint committee to govern pooled investment of the eight pension funds in Wales.

Yours sincerely



Robert Robins  
Democratic Services Manager

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