

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Democratic Services Committee on Wednesday, 29 June 2016**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
<b>Part A – Items considered in public</b>		
<b>A1</b>	Appointment of Vice-Chair	That Councillor Nigel Steele-Mortimer be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee.
<b>A3</b>	Minutes	That the minutes be received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
<b>A4</b>	Member Development Strategy	<p>(a) That the current Member Development Strategy be recognised as good practice;</p> <p>(b) That the Member Development Strategy be supported as the basis to ensure adequate provision for member development and support for the new Council to be elected in 2017;</p> <p>(c) That the Committee agree that the emphasis, in the last year of the current council should be on the provision of training where there is a perceived need, rather than seeking to provide a full programme; and</p> <p>(d) That discussion takes place with Group Leaders to determine why professional development meetings with Members are not taking place and feedback be provided to the Committee, and the possibility of the officers also undertaking personal development meetings with Members be explored.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Induction arrangements for Members following the 2017 County Council Elections	<p>(a) That officers be requested to continue to prepare an Induction Programme for new and returning Members following the 2017 elections; and</p> <p>(b) That a working draft of the Induction programme be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee on 5 October 2016.</p>

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Democratic Services Committee on Wednesday, 29 June 2016**

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>A6</b>	Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - To Consider the Exclusion of the Press and Public	That the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following item by virtue of exempt information under paragraph(s) 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
<b>A7</b>	Establishment Structure in Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="840 587 2076 692">(a) That the Committee confirmed that in its opinion the proposed structure will ensure adequate resources for the provision of democratic services and it was therefore recommended to full Council;</li> <li data-bbox="840 735 2076 804">(b) That the Democratic Services Committee designated the Democratic Services Manager post as the Statutory Head of Democratic Services;</li> <li data-bbox="840 847 2076 952">(c) That the Committee recommended Full Council should transfer to the Democratic Services Manager the powers of the Democracy &amp; Governance Manager as set out in paragraph 1.12; and</li> <li data-bbox="840 995 2076 1064">(d) That a report be brought back in 6 months on the levels of support for committees and how well the proposed structure is working in practice.</li> </ul>