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To: Cllr Helen Brown (Chair)

Councillors: Glyn Banks, Jean Davies, Chris Dolphin, Andy Dunbobbin,
Paul Johnson and Arnold Woolley

Co-opted Member:

Sally Ellis

16 January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Audit Committee which will be held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 24th January, 2018 in the Clwyd Committee Room, County Hall, Mold CH7 6NA to consider the following items

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 22 November 2017.

4 TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2018/19 STRATEGY AND QUARTER 3 UPDATE 2017/18 (Pages 11 - 52)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance

Purpose: 1.01 To present to Members the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 for comments and recommendation for approval to Cabinet.

1.02 To provide an update on matters relating to the Council's Treasury Management Policy, Strategy and Practices to the end of December 2017.

5 CHANGES TO STATUTORY DEADLINES FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (Pages 53 - 58)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance

Purpose: Welsh Government are intending to change the statutory deadlines for Local Authorities to publish their Statement of Accounts. The report summarises the Council's planned approach to respond to the changes which would introduce earlier deadlines for 2017/18 and 2020/21 financial years.

6 MID YEAR RISK REPORT (Pages 59 - 76)

Report of Chief Executive - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance

Purpose: To endorse the Council's actions taken to mitigate the significant risks at the mid year point.

7 CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Pages 77 - 110)

Report of Chief Executive - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance

Purpose: To endorse the review of the code of Corporate Governance.

8 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT (Pages 111 - 124)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets

Purpose: To update the Committee on an audit review of contract management.

9 WALES AUDIT OFFICE (WAO) – ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2016/17 (Pages 125 - 132)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance

Purpose: The letter summarises the key messages arising from the Auditor General for Wales' statutory responsibilities under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, and reporting responsibilities under the Code of Audit Practice for the financial year 2016/17.

10 **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT** (Pages 133 - 168)

Report of Internal Audit Manager -

Purpose: To present to the Committee an update on the progress of the Internal Audit Department.

11 **ACTION TRACKING** (Pages 169 - 174)

Report of Internal Audit Manager -

Purpose: To inform the Committee of the actions resulting from points raised at previous Audit Committee meetings.

12 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 175 - 182)

Report of Internal Audit Manager -

Purpose: To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Internal Audit Department

Yours faithfully



Robert Robins
Democratic Services Manager