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To: All Members of the Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, 1ST APRIL, 2021 at 2.00 PM

This agenda is subject to restrictions on content due to the Election Period which runs from Monday 22 March to Sunday 9 May 2021.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Robins'.

Robert Robins
Democratic Services Manager

Please note: This will be a remote meeting and 'attendance' will be restricted to Council Members.

The meeting will be live streamed onto the Council's website. A recording of the meeting will also be available, shortly after the meeting at <https://flintshire-public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact a member of the Democratic Services Team on 01352 702345.

A G E N D A

1 **RECOGNITION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CURRENT FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** (Pages 7 - 12)

Purpose: To recognise 25 years of Flintshire County Council and to pay tribute to elected Members past and present.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

3 **MINUTES** (Pages 13 - 36)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 26 January and 16 February 2021.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

5 **CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Purpose: To receive the communications as circulated.

6 **PETITIONS**

Purpose: This is an opportunity for Members of Council to submit petitions on behalf of people in their ward. Once received, petitions are passed to the appropriate Chief Officer for action and response.

PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

7 **REVIEW OF PROTOCOL FOR MEETING CONTRACTORS** (Pages 37 - 50)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To undertake a rolling review of the Protocol to ensure it is still up to date and pertinent.

8 **REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE** (Pages 51 - 64)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To seek approval to amend the name of Council's Audit Committee and to include new functions to the current Terms of Reference of the renamed Committee.

9 **UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS ACT** (Pages 65 - 72)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To apprise the Council of ongoing implementation of the Act.

10 **APPOINTMENTS OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE** (Pages 73 - 78)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To present details of the preferred candidates for the Independent Member vacancies on the Standards Committee for approval.

ORDINARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS

11 **PETITIONS RECEIVED AT COUNCIL** (Pages 79 - 82)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To inform Council of the outcomes of petitions which have been submitted over the past year.

12 **FAMILY ABSENCE FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WALES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2021** (Pages 83 - 86)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To inform the Council of the increase in adopter's absence entitlement for Members.

13 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Purpose: This item is to receive any Public Questions: none were received by the deadline.

14 **QUESTIONS**

Purpose: To note the answers to any questions submitted in accordance with County Council Standing Order No. 9.4(A): none were received by the deadline.

15 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Purpose: This item is to receive any Notices of Motion: none were received by the deadline.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO
CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report includes the personal details of one or more named individual(s), and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

16 RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Pages 87 - 100)

Report of Senior Manager, Human Resources & Organisational Development

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Purpose: To seek approval to recruit to the role of Chief Executive following the recent notice of intention to resign given by the current post holder and to agree the recruitment process and remuneration package.

Please note that there may be a 10 minute adjournment of this meeting if it lasts longer than two hours

Procedural Note on the conduct of meetings

The Chair will open the meeting and introduce themselves.

The meeting will be attended by a number of Councillors. Officers will also be in attendance to present reports, with Democratic Services officers acting as hosts of the meeting.

All attendees are asked to ensure their mobile phones are switched off and that any background noise is kept to a minimum.

All microphones are to be kept muted during the meeting and should only be unmuted when invited to speak by the Chair. When invitees have finished speaking they should go back on mute.

To indicate to speak, Councillors will use the chat facility or use the electronic raise hand function. The chat function may also be used for questions, relevant comments and officer advice and updates.

The Chair will call the speakers, with elected Members addressed as 'Councillor' and officers addressed by their job title e.g. Chief Executive' or name. From time to time, the officer advising the Chair will explain procedural points or suggest alternative wording for proposals, to assist the Committee.

If and when a vote is taken, the Chair will explain that only those who oppose the proposal(s), or who wish to abstain will need to indicate, using the chat function. The officer advising the Chair will indicate whether the proposals are carried.

If a more formal vote is needed, this will be by roll call – where each Councillor will be asked in turn (alphabetically) how s/he wishes to vote.

At County Council and Planning Committee meetings speaker's times are limited. A bell will be sounded to alert that the speaker has one minute remaining.

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