

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Governance and Audit Committee on Wednesday, 22 March 2023

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A1	Attendance and Apologies	<p><u>Membership:</u> Co-opted members: Sally Ellis (Chair), Rev Brian Harvey and Allan Rainford Cllrs: Bernie Attridge, Glyn Banks, Allan Marshall, Ryan McKeown and Andrew Parkhurst <u>Substitution:</u> Councillor: Ted Palmer (for Linda Thomas)</p> <p><u>Also present:</u> Councillor Andy Hughes attended as an observer</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure), Councillor Paul Johnson (Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion and Resilient Communities), Councillor Billy Mullin (Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services), Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Internal Audit, Performance & Risk Manager, Corporate Finance Manager, Strategic Finance Manager and Democratic Services Officer</p> <p>Audit Wales: Gwilym Bury and Mike Whiteley</p>
A2	Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)	None.
A2	Minutes	That subject to the amendments, the minutes be approved as a correct record.
A3	External Regulation Assurance	<p>(a) That the Committee is assured by the Council's response to external regulatory reports;</p> <p>(b) That a reminder is sent to services that progress reports on action plans should be apolitical; and</p> <p>(c) That the external reporting protocol be reviewed to clarify responsibilities for monitoring progress against action plans after submission to Cabinet and Overview & Scrutiny.</p>
A4	Quarter 4 Treasury Management Update 2022/23	That the Treasury Management 2022/23 quarterly update be endorsed.

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A5	Corporate Self-Assessment 2021-22	(a) That the findings of the Corporate Self-Assessment 21/22 be noted; (b) That the opportunities for improvement identified in Corporate Self-Assessment 21/22 be noted; and (c) That the Committee notes the need to make the process more robust and resilient, including wider consultation, in order to drive improvement.
A6	Governance & Audit Committee Self-Assessment	That having considered the findings of the report and on the basis of the discussion, the Chair and Vice-Chair develop a compact action plan to progress actions to inform future development of the Committee.
A7	Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 Mid-year Progress Report	That the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 Mid-year Progress Report be accepted.
A8	Internal Audit Strategic Plan	That having considered the areas covered, including those prioritised for the first year, and the level of audit resources, the Committee approves the Flintshire Internal Audit Strategic Plan for 2023-2026.
A9	Internal Audit Progress Report	That the report be accepted.
A10	Action Tracking	That the report be accepted.
A11	Forward Work Programme	(a) That the Forward Work Programme be accepted; and (b) That the Internal Audit, Performance & Risk Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.

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Note: Annual Meeting with Internal and External Auditors

In accordance with the agreed procedure, members of the Governance & Audit Committee will meet with the Internal and External Auditors immediately following the meeting.
