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Councillors: Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, David Healey, Dave Hughes, Paul Johnson, Christine Jones and Billy Mullin

8 March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
CABINET
TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2023 at 10.00 AM

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum
Democratic Services Manager

The meeting will be live streamed onto the Council's website. The live streaming will stop when any confidential items are considered. 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 **APOLOGIES**

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Purpose: To receive any declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 **MINUTES** (Pages 7 - 18)

Purpose: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2023.

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

STRATEGIC REPORTS

4 **STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22** (Pages 19 - 68)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

Purpose: To present the 2021/22 annual report for the Strategic Equality Plan.

5 **GRASS CUTTING POLICY – MANAGING ROAD VERGES AND AMENITY GRASSLANDS TO SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY** (Pages 69 - 158)

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

Purpose: To consider the opportunities available to increase biodiversity in the management of road verges and amenity grasslands through the Council's grass cutting policy.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

6 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (MONTH 10) (Pages 159 - 182)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

Purpose: This regular monthly report provides the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2022/23 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account. The position is based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 10, and projects forward to year-end.

7 BUSINESS RATE WRITE OFFS IN EXCESS OF £25,000 (Pages 183 - 186)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

Purpose: For cabinet to approve the write off of Business Rate balances in excess of £25,000 where it is no longer possible to collect the debts

8 STREETSCENE STANDARDS REVIEW 2022-23 (Pages 187 - 196)

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

Purpose: To review the existing Streetscene standards and consider a new set of measures and performance indicators that link more closely to the Council Plan, portfolio business plan and policies.

9 HYNET CARBON CAPTURE PROJECT; CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE AND CONSENTING PROCESS UPDATE (Pages 197 - 204)

Report of Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) - Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection

Purpose: To provide an update on the cross border hydrogen and carbon capture storage (CSS) project called HyNet North West, the consenting processes for the project, and to establish if a corporate view is required on the project as a whole.

10 **ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION 2024/2025** (Pages 205 - 220)

Report of Chief Officer (Education and Youth) - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure

Purpose: To advise on the outcome of the statutory consultation exercise on the admission arrangements for 2024/25 and to recommend approval.

11 **REPORT BACK FROM THE CALL IN OF DECISION NO. 4056 - WASTE STRATEGY REVIEW** (Pages 221 - 266)

Report of Democratic Services Manager - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

Purpose: To report back from the Call In.

12 **EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS** (Pages 267 - 268)

Purpose: To provide details of actions taken under delegated powers.

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - COUNTY COUNCIL, CABINET, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT AND OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY - FOR INFORMATION

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) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The public interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing the information until such time as the commercial arrangements have been finalised.

13 **NORTH EAST WALES (NEW) HOMES BUSINESS PLAN 2023/2052** (Pages 303 - 322)

Report of Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) - Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

Purpose: To consider the NEW Homes Business Plan 2023/2052.

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report contains details of a proposed contract and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosure until the contract has been awarded.

14 **HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT - EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR THE WALLICH, HOMELESS HUB** (Pages 323 - 336)

Report of Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) - Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

Purpose: To extend the contract for The Glanrafon – Emergency Homeless Hub for 1 year (end of 23/24) with an option to extend for an additional year (end of 24/25).

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report contains details of a proposed contract and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosure until the contract has been awarded.

15 **PLAS BELLIN (LOCAL SOLUTIONS) CONTRACT EXTENSION** (Pages 337 - 354)

Report of Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) - Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

Purpose: To note the change in service delivery model linked to services of housing support for vulnerable families presently delivered from Plas Belin Supported Housing Project for vulnerable families.

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 15, 16 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report contains legal advice relating to employee relations matters and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information until the issue has been resolved.

16 **APPROACH TO PAY FOR LEAVERS** (Pages 355 - 366)

Report of Corporate Manager, People and Organisational Development -
Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and
Safety and Human Resources

Purpose: To discuss and agree on the approach to be taken to pay for
leavers.

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