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

13 December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING CABINET TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 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

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Purpose: To receive any declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 <u>MINUTES</u> (Pages 5 - 16)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2023.

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

STRATEGIC REPORTS

4 <u>MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) AND BUDGET 2024/25</u> (Pages 17 - 30)

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

Purpose: To update on the latest position for the MTFS and Budget 2024/25 in advance of receipt of the Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement.

5 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 30 YEAR FINANCIAL BUSINESS PLAN (Pages 31 - 46)

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

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to present for consideration the draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30-year Financial Business Plan and the proposed HRA Budget for 2024/25.

6 **DRAFT STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2024-28** (Pages 47 - 96)

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

Purpose: To present the draft Strategic Equality Plan 2024-28 for approval prior to formal consultation.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

7 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 (MONTH 7) (Pages 97 - 122)

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 2023/24 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account. The position is based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 7, and projects forward to year-end.

8 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW 2023/24** (Pages 123 - 148)

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

Purpose: To present the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2023/24 for recommendation to Council.

9 **BUSINESS RATES - WRITE OFFS** (Pages 149 - 154)

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

Purpose: To approve the write off of individual bad debts for Business Rates in excess of £25,000.

10 **SHELTERED HOUSING REVIEW** (Pages 155 - 172)

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

Purpose: To approve to undertake a Sheltered Housing Review.

11 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER 2022-23 AND COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2023-24 (Pages 173 - 188)

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

Purpose: To share the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) Annual Letter 2022-23 for Flintshire County Council and an overview of the complaints received against Council services in the first half of 2023-24.

12 **INTRODUCING A CORPORATE FACEBOOK PAGE** (Pages 189 - 192)

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

Purpose: To agree the need for a Corporate Facebook page that will support digital communications, including good news stories and important information for our communities.

13 **EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS**

Purpose: None.

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

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