

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Constitution Committee on Wednesday, 28 March 2012

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Part A – Items considered in public

A3	Minutes	That the minutes be received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
A4	Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 - Consultation on Draft Statutory Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the observations of the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee in response to consultation on the Draft Guidance be endorsed; (b) That the observations made by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 26 March 2012 concerning the Draft Statutory Guidance relating to audit committees be endorsed; (c) That the criteria for the appointment of a suitable lay person to the membership of the Audit Committee be made clear in the final version of the Guidance; (d) That the proposed timetable for a survey to be conducted following ordinary elections in relation to the timing of the Authority's council, committee, and sub committee meetings, was deemed unrealistic; and (e) That the Democracy and Governance Manager responds to consultation on the above basis.
A5	REVISED MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF AUDIT COMMITTEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the membership of the Audit Committee be extended by one lay member and its terms of reference extended to reflect the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 when it comes into effect; (b) That the terms of reference for the Audit Committee be amended so that the word 'main' be deleted from the first sentence in section 7.02, Form and Composition; (c) That the terms of reference for the Audit Committee be amended under Section C,

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		<p>Financial Reporting, to read ‘Consider the draft annual Statement of Accounts, together with the underlying accounting policies prior to their submission to the Welsh Audit Office and again afterwards prior to recommending their approval to the Council’; and</p> <p>(d) That via a letter from the Chair, Members are informed of the proposed changes to the composition and terms of reference of the Audit Committee.</p>
A6	FLINTSHIRE BYE-LAWS	That the terms of reference for the Constitution Committee be amended to enable the Committee to examine and consider the creation or amendment of Bye-laws for Flintshire.
A7	ANNUAL REVIEW OF CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	<p>(a) That the amendments made by way of updating the Code of Corporate Governance be approved; and</p> <p>(b) That the Democracy and Governance Manager consults with political Group Leaders and the Chair of the Constitution Committee on updating the Constitution to reflect the current Code of Corporate Governance following the review.</p>