

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Flintshire County Council on Tuesday, 1 March 2016**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A2</b>	Declarations of Interest	Personal interest declared by Councillor Bernie Attridge on Agenda Item 11 'Proposed Alterations to the Local Resolution Procedure'. Personal and prejudicial interest declared by Councillor Sharon Williams on Agenda Item 7 'Notice of Motion'.
<b>A4</b>	Petitions	None.
<b>A5</b>	Public Question Time	That a written response be provided to Mr. Yorke on his supplementary question.
<b>A7</b>	Notice of Motion	(a) That the Notice of Motion on Trade Unions be supported; and (b) That the Notice of Motion on Member attendance at meetings be rejected.
<b>A8</b>	Council Tax Setting for 2016-17	(a) That the 2016-17 Council Tax be set as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; (b) That no discount in the level of Council Tax charges for second homes and long term empty homes be offered; and (c) That designated officers issue legal proceedings and appear on behalf of the Council in the Magistrates' Court for unpaid taxes.
<b>A9</b>	Introduction of Council Tax Premium for long term empty and second homes	(a) That the council tax premium scheme be introduced from 2017-18; (b) That a 50% premium be adopted for the first year of implementation in 2017-18 for properties classed as second homes and long term empty homes; and (c) That the premium level during the first year of implementation be reviewed with a view to increasing the rate from 2018-19 after taking into consideration the effectiveness of the new policy in incentivising owners to bring long term empty property and second homes back into full use.

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<b>A10</b>	Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17	<p>(a) That the Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17, as appended to the report, be approved; and</p> <p>(b) That the Interim HR &amp; OD Manager, on behalf of the Chief Officer (People &amp; Resources), be given delegated authority to make amendments as necessary to reflect the nationally agreed pay awards, once finalised, without the requirement to return to full County Council.</p>
<b>A11</b>	Proposed Alterations to the Local Resolution Procedure	That the amended wording to the Local Resolution Procedure (as highlighted in tracked changes to the current Local Resolution Procedure at Appendix 1 to the report) be approved and adopted.
<b>A12</b>	Timing of Council Meetings	That the recommendation by the Constitution Committee to conduct the survey on Members' preferences be accepted, with the outcome to be discussed at the Council's AGM, following consideration by the Democratic Services Committee on 27 April 2016.
<b>A13</b>	Contracts requiring sealing	<p>That Section 12.10 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words struck out as follows:</p> <p><b><u>Authentication of Documents</u></b>            Where any document is necessary to any legal procedure or proceedings on behalf of the Council, it will be signed by the Chief Officer, Governance or other person authorised by him/her, unless any enactment otherwise authorises or requires, or the Council has given requisite Authority to some other person. <del>Notwithstanding any arrangements set out within the Contract Procedure Rules which may require particular forms of contract for contracts of a lesser value, the Council expressly resolves that any contract with a value exceeding £50,000 entered into on behalf of the local</del></p>

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		<del>Authority in the course of the discharge of a Executive Function shall be made in writing. Such contracts must either be signed by at least two officers of the Authority or made under the common seal of the Council attested by at least one officer.”</del>