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A1	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	None were received.	
A2	Minutes	That subject to the amendment, the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
A4	Flintshire Public Services Board review and Well-being Plan development	 That the Committee has confidence that steps are in place to have a plan ready by the statutory deadline, subject to: Substituting 'Holywell' for the reference 'Holway'; That the references on the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) website be challenged at Monday's Compact meeting to give Members assurance that BCUHB acknowledges the benefits to the whole county, with a report back in due course; The provision of the papers for the forthcoming Compact meeting are made available to Members, as requested; Thanking the Chief Executive for his explanation and assurance that the fit between the Council Plan and Well-being Plan does not pose any risk to the Council's decision-making. 	
A5	North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority Update	 (a) That the representatives of the North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority be thanked for their attendance and contribution to the meeting; (b) That the report be noted and its clarity and brevity approved; (c) That changes to the material included within Council Tax bills, to explain North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority funding to Council Tax payers, be investigated; (d) That a case for necessary changes to national legislation be pursued to provide greater transparency in Fire & Rescue Authority funding; (e) That both Cabinet and the County Council be made aware that the Committee has 	

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			given due consideration of the Fire & Rescue Authority levy charge and the need for an increase; and
		(f)	That the Flintshire representatives on the Fire & Rescue Authority be made aware at an early stage of the Council's position on an increase to North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority funding.
A6	Council Plan 2017/18 - Mid Year Monitoring	(a)	That having considered that Council Plan 2017/18 mid-year monitoring report, the Committee would like to impress upon the Cabinet the need for a higher percentage of employees receiving appraisals (notwithstanding the Appraisals update report which the Committee is to receive in due course);
		(b)	That recognising the wide terms of reference of the Committee, it should receive the full Council Plan performance monitoring reports at the six and twelve month intervals; and
		(c)	That the Procurement team be asked to look at the work done on local spending in Preston by the Centre for Local Economic Strategy.
A7	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2017/18 (Month 6) and Capital Programme Monitoring (Month 6)	(a)	That the Committee notes the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2017/18 (Month 6) report and confirms on this occasion that the issues which it wishes to have brought to the Cabinet's attention are:
			 the need for clarity of language on under and overspending so that such issues are readily understood;
			 the underspend on the Council Tax Reduction scheme be investigated and budget allocation be remodelled if necessary.
		(b)	That the Committee notes the Capital Programme Monitoring 2017/18 Month 6 report and confirms on this occasion that there are no issues which it wishes to have brought to the Cabinet's attention.

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A8	Forward Work Programme	(a)	That the Forward Work Programme as submitted, be approved with amendments;
		(b)	That the special meeting on 6 December 2017 be noted;
		(c)	That an update report on appraisals be made to the December or January meetings;
		(d)	That the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, should this be necessary; and
		(e)	That the Committee would prefer to continue to meet at 10am on Thursdays, but that Councillor Michelle Perfect's comments about evening meetings being more suitable to accommodate Members in full-time employment be included in the report back to the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee.