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Councillors: Helen Brown, Geoff Collett, David Cox, Ron Davies, Adele Davies-Cooke, Ian Dunbar, Mared Eastwood, Veronica Gay, Ray Hughes, Dennis Hutchinson, Brian Lloyd and Kevin Rush

10 June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

<u>NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING</u> <u>COMMUNITY, HOUSING & ASSETS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u> <u>WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE, 2021</u> at <u>10.00 AM</u>

Yours faithfully

Robert Robins Democratic Services Manager

Please note: This will be a remote meeting and 'attendance' will be restricted to Committee Members and those Members of Council who have asked the Head of Democratic Services for an invitation. Such attendees may only speak at the Chair's discretion.

The meeting will be live streamed onto the Council's website. A recording of the meeting will also be available, shortly after the meeting at <u>https://flintshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home</u>

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact a member of the Democratic Services Team on 01352 702345.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Purpose: At the Annual Meeting, Council determined that the Labour Group will chair this Committee. The Committee is advised that Councillor Ian Dunbar is the Chair of the Committee for the municipal year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Purpose: To appoint a Vice-Chair for the Committee.

3 APOLOGIES

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

4 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING</u> <u>DECLARATIONS)</u>

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

5 **<u>MINUTES</u>** (Pages 5 - 8)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May, 2021.

6 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKING** (Pages 9 - 18)

Report of Community and Education Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator

Purpose: To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Community Housing & Assets Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.

7 WELFARE REFORM UPDATE (Pages 19 - 34)

Report of Chief Officer (Housing and Assets) - Deputy Leader of the Council (Governance) and Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets

Purpose: To provide an update on the impact of Welfare Reform on Flintshire Residents.

8 HOUSING RENT INCOME - YEAR END OUTTURN AND LATEST POSITION FOR 2021/22 (Pages 35 - 40)

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

Purpose: To provide the Year end outturn for 202021 and an operational update on rent collection and current arrear levels for 2021/22.

9 <u>WELSH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARD (WHQS) UPDATE</u> (Pages 41 - 52)

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

Purpose: To provide an update on the WHQS specific to environmental works.

10 **COMMUNAL HEATING CHARGES 2021/22** (Pages 53 - 56)

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

Purpose: To consider the proposed heating charges in council properties with communal heating systems for 2021/22 prior to Cabinet approval.

11 **END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT** (Pages 57 - 70)

Report of Chief Officer (Housing and Assets) - Deputy Leader of the Council (Governance) and Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets and Cabinet Member for Housing

Purpose: To review the levels of progress in the achievement of activities, performance levels and current risk levels as identified in the Council Plan.

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

Procedural Note on the conduct of meetings

The Chair will open the meeting and introduce themselves.

The meeting will be attended by a number of Councillors. Officers will also be in attendance to present reports, with Democratic Services officers acting as hosts of the meeting.

All attendees are asked to ensure their mobile phones are switched off and that any background noise is kept to a minimum.

All microphones are to be kept muted during the meeting and should only be unmuted when invited to speak by the Chair. When invitees have finished speaking they should go back on mute.

To indicate to speak, Councillors will use the chat facility or use the electronic raise hand function. The chat function may also be used for questions, relevant comments and officer advice and updates.

The Chair will call the speakers, with elected Members addressed as 'Councillor' and officers addressed by their job title e.g. Chief Executive' or name. From time to time, the officer advising the Chair will explain procedural points or suggest alternative wording for proposals, to assist the Committee.

If and when a vote is taken, the Chair will explain that only those who oppose the proposal(s), or who wish to abstain will need to indicate, using the chat function. The officer advising the Chair will indicate whether the proposals are carried.

If a more formal vote is needed, this will be by roll call – where each Councillor will be asked in turn (alphabetically) how s/he wishes to vote

At County Council and Planning Committee meetings speaker's times are limited. A bell will be sounded to alert that the speaker has one minute remaining

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