

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Audit Committee on Wednesday, 27 January 2021

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A1	Attendance and Apologies	<p>Membership: Councillors: Chris Dolphin (Chairman), Janet Axworthy, Geoff Collett, Andy Dunbobbin, Patrick Heesom, Paul Johnson and Arnold Woolley Co-opted members: Sally Ellis and Allan Rainford</p> <p>In attendance: Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education), Councillor Glyn Banks (Cabinet Member for Finance), Councillor Billy Mullin (Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets), Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Corporate Finance Manager, Internal Audit Manager, Strategic Performance Advisor, Civic & Member Services Officer and Democratic Services Officer</p> <p>Interim Finance Manager (Technical Accounting) and Principal Accountant - for minute number 19</p> <p>Gwilym Bury and Matthew Edwards of Audit Wales</p>
A2	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	None.
A2	Minutes	That the minutes be approved as a correct record.
A4	Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22 and Treasury Management Quarter 3 Update 2020/21	<p>(a) That having reviewed the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2021/22, the Committee has no specific issues to be reported to Cabinet on 16 February 2021; and</p> <p>(b) That the Treasury Management 2020/21 quarterly update be noted.</p>
A5	Code of Corporate Governance	That the updated Code of Corporate Governance be endorsed for adoption as part of the Council's Constitution.
A6	Annual Audit Summary for Flintshire County Council 2019/20	That the Committee is assured by the Auditor General for Wales' Annual Audit Summary report for 2019/20.

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A7	Local Government & Elections (Wales) Bill	<p>(a) That the briefing report be received;</p> <p>(b) That the Committee notes the constitutional and other implications of the Act, and supports internal plans for their implementation as necessary; and</p> <p>(c) <i>That officers liaise with the Chairman to write to Welsh Government to express the Committee’s concerns on the requirement to appoint lay members as both Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governance & Audit Committee.</i></p> <p>NB After the meeting the Chief Officer (Governance) confirmed that the Vice-Chair of the Committee could be an elected member. The Committee therefore agreed that resolution (c) did not need to be actioned.</p>
A8	Recruitment of a Lay Member to the Audit Committee	<p>(a) That one additional lay member be recruited to the Audit Committee in place of an elected member with effect from May 2022; and</p> <p>(b) That the recruitment panel consisting of the Chair of the Council, Chair of the Audit Committee plus the Cabinet Member for Finance and two other Audit Committee members makes a recommendation to Council for appointment.</p>
A9	Internal Audit Charter	That the updated Internal Audit Charter be approved.
A10	Internal Audit Progress Report	That the report be accepted.
A11	Audit Committee Action Tracking	That the report be accepted.
A12	Forward Work Programme	<p>(a) That the Forward Work Programme be accepted; and</p> <p>(b) That the Internal Audit Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.</p>