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Co-opted Members:

Sally Ellis and Allan Rainford

21 September 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 at 10.00 AM

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 <https://flintshire-public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

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

A G E N D A

1 **APOLOGIES**

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)**

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 10)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2021.

4 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21** (Pages 11 - 168)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance, Social Value and Procurement

Purpose: To present the final audited version of the Statement of Accounts 2020/21 for approval.

5 **FLINTSHIRE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT** (Pages 169 - 190)

Report of Chief Executive, Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance, Social Value and Procurement

Purpose: To share with Members the financial sustainability assessment report from Audit Wales.

6 **SCHOOL RESERVE BALANCES YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021** (Pages 191 - 198)

Report of Chief Officer (Education and Youth) - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education

Purpose: To provide the Committee with details of the closing balances held by Flintshire schools at the end of the financial year.

7 **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT** (Pages 199 - 236)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To present to the Committee an update on the progress of the Internal Audit Department.

8 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING (Pages 237 - 240)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To inform the Committee of the actions resulting from points raised at previous Governance and Audit Committee meetings.

9 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 241 - 248)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Internal Audit Department.

NOTE: Annual Meeting with Internal and External Auditors

In accordance with the agreed procedure, members of the Governance & Audit Committee will meet with the Internal and External Auditors immediately following the meeting.

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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