Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 16 September 2021

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Apologies	Councillor Sian Braun and Mrs Wendy White
A2	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	There were no declarations of interest.
А3	Minutes	That the minutes be approved as a correct record.
A4	Forward Work Programme and Action Tracking	 (a) That the Forward Work Programme be noted; (b) That the Facilitator, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises; and (c) That the progress made in completing the outstanding actions be noted.
A5	Budget 2022/23 - Stage 2	 (a) That the Committee supports the Education and Youth Portfolio cost pressures; (b) That no further cost efficiency areas be proposed by the Committee to be explored further; and (c) That further information on how the proposed £1M Investment in Delegated School Budgets is disseminated to Schools be provided to the Committee.
A6	School Reserve Balances Year Ending 31st March 2021	That the Committee note the level of school reserves as at the 31st March, 2021, as outlined within the report.
A7	Covid-19 Schools Operational Update	That the Committee note the arrangements for the safe return to schools as outlined in the revised Welsh Government Covid-19 Operational Guidance and Local Covid-19 Infection Decision Framework.
A8	Estyn Thematic Review Update	(a) That the Committee acknowledge the effective work of the Education Portfolio, in conjunction with the regional school improvement service (GwE), in ensuring Flintshire learners continued to receive effective educational provision through the Covid-19 pandemic; and

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		(b) That the Committee note the positive progress made against each of the five Estyn recommendations in the national thematic review by the Education Portfolio and schools.