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Co-opted Members:

Allan Rainford and Rev Brian Harvey

19 January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 2023 at 10.00 AM

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum
Democratic Services Manager

The meeting will be live streamed onto the Council's website. The live streaming will stop when any confidential items are considered. 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 - 14)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2022.

4 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22** (Pages 15 - 182)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager -

Purpose: To present the final audited version of the Statement of Accounts 2021/22 for approval.

5 **CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY** (Pages 183 - 216)

Report of Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) - Collective responsibility

Purpose: To report on progress with the Climate Change Strategy for 2022-2030.

6 **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER 2021-22 AND COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2022-23** (Pages 217 - 240)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

Purpose: To share the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter 2021-22. The report also provides an overview of complaints received by each portfolio of the Council between the period 1 April - 30 September 2022.

7 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023/24, TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT, PRACTICES AND SCHEDULES 2023-2026, TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER 3 UPDATE 2022/23** (Pages 241 - 328)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager -

Purpose: (1) To present to Members the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 for comments and recommendations for approval to Cabinet (2) To provide an update on matters relating to the Council's Treasury Management Policy, Strategy and Practices to the end December 2022.

8 CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Pages 329 - 356)

Report of Chief Executive -

Purpose: To endorse the review of the Code of Corporate Governance.

9 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 357 - 400)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

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

10 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING (Pages 401 - 406)

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.

11 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 407 - 412)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 12, 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report contains personal data and the public interest in withholding the information overrides the public interest in disclosing it.

12 DRURY PRIMARY SCHOOL – FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT (Pages 413 - 426)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To provide an update on progress with actions arising from the Internal Audit review of Drury Primary School.

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