

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Governance and Audit Committee on Wednesday, 25 January 2023

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A1	Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)	None.
A2	Minutes	That the minutes be approved as a correct record.
A3	Statement of Accounts 2021/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the final version of the Statement of Accounts 2021/22 be approved; (b) That the Audit Wales report - Audit of the Financial Statements 2021/22, Flintshire County Council - be noted; (c) That the Letter of Representation be approved; (d) That a detailed assurance report be shared with the Committee about arrangements in place to manage potential conflicts of interests of senior officers; and (e) That a request is made to senior officers who have made such declarations to establish whether they are willing to share that information with the Committee.
A4	Climate Change Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the Committee notes the contents of the report; (b) That the Committee supports the improvement of internal communications to raise awareness of the Council's positive progress in moving to achieve its climate change ambitions; (c) That the Committee supports the introduction of embedding carbon measures into procurement processes within a pilot portfolio of the Council; (d) That the Committee supports the case for an Invest to Save post and resources to introduce Building Management Systems within more of our building assets to improve the management of energy use; and (e) That the Committee supports the embedding of climate change principles throughout the Council, through delivery of Carbon Literacy training to Elected Members, Senior Managers and other key decision makers.

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A5	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter 2021-22 and Complaints made against Flintshire County Council during the first half of 2022-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the Committee notes the annual performance of the Council in respect of complaints made to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales during 2021-22; (b) That the Committee notes the 2022-23 half year performance of the Council in respect of complaints made to services in line with its complaints procedure; (c) That the Committee supports the actions outlined in paragraph 1.15 to improve complaints handling across the Council; and (d) That the Committee requests additional information for the next report to demonstrate how community feedback helps to identify changes to improve service delivery.
A6	Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24, Treasury Management Policy Statement, Practices and Schedules 2023-2026, Treasury Management Q3 Update 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That having reviewed the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24 and accompanying documents, the Committee has no specific issues to be reported to Cabinet on 23 February 2023; and (b) That the Treasury Management 2022/23 quarterly update be noted.
A7	Code of Corporate Governance	That the updated Code of Corporate Governance be endorsed for adoption as part of the Council's Constitution.
A8	Internal Audit Progress Report	That the report be accepted.
A9	Action Tracking	That the report be accepted.
A10	Forward Work Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the Forward Work Programme be accepted; and (b) That the Internal Audit, Performance & Risk 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.

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A11	Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - To consider the exclusion of the press and public	That the press and public be excluded from the meeting as the following item was considered to be exempt by virtue of paragraph 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
A12	Drury Primary School – Financial Management follow-up report	That the progress made in implementing the actions from the original report be noted.