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Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Glyn Banks, Allan Marshall, Ryan McKeown,
Andrew Parkhurst and Linda Thomas

Co-opted Members:

Sally Ellis, Rev Brian Harvey and Allan Rainford

7 June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE, 2023 at 10.00 AM

*** Members of the Committee are reminded that there will be a briefing session on the Draft Statement of Accounts prior to the meeting**

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-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 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Purpose: To appoint a Chair for the Committee.

2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

Purpose: To appoint a Vice-Chair for the Committee.

3 **APOLOGIES**

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

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

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

5 **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 14)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2023.

6 **AUDIT WALES REVIEW OF COMMISSIONING OLDER PEOPLE'S CARE HOME PLACEMENTS BY NORTH WALES COUNCILS AND BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD** (Pages 15 - 22)

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

Purpose: To receive an update on the implementation of actions.

7 **ESTYN INSPECTION OF ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING (ACL) WITHIN THE NORTH EAST WALES ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP** (Pages 23 - 42)

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

Purpose: To present the Estyn Report on Adult Community Learning Partnership.

8 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23** (Pages 43 - 92)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To endorse the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23.

9 **ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY FOR FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** (Pages 93 - 112)

Report of Chief Executive -

Purpose: To receive the Annual Audit Summary from the Auditor General for Wales and note the Council's response.

10 **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE** (Pages 113 - 116)

Report of Chief Executive -

Purpose: To be assured that the updated risk management framework is comprehensive and functional.

11 **INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER** (Pages 117 - 152)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To outline to Members the updated Internal Audit Charter.

12 **INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23** (Pages 153 - 172)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To inform members of the outcome of all audit work carried out during 2022/23 and to give the annual Internal Audit opinion on the standard of internal control, risk management and governance within the Council.

13 **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT** (Pages 173 - 224)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

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

14 **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF-ASSESSMENT - ACTION PLAN** (Pages 225 - 230)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To present to Committee a detailed action plan to support the results of the Committee's self-assessment. It will also form the basis for the provision of any further training required by the Committee.

15 **ACTION TRACKING** (Pages 231 - 238)

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.

16 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 239 - 244)

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) 18 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report contains details of steps to be taken to prevent cyber crime attacks against the Council. The public interest in withholding the information to protect the Council's data outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

17 **CYBER RESILIENCE** (Pages 245 - 302)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To share with the Committee Audit Wales' national report on Cyber Resilience.

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