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Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Glyn Banks, Allan Marshall, Ted Palmer,
Andrew Parkhurst and Linda Thomas

Co-opted Members:

Sally Ellis and Brian Harvey

15 November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 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 - 12)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2023.

4 **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER 2022-23 AND COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2023-24** (Pages 13 - 28)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To share the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) Annual Letter 2022-23 for Flintshire County Council and an overview of the complaints received against Council services in the first half of 2023-24.

5 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23 MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT** (Pages 29 - 56)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To provide the Governance and Audit Committee with an update of the progress made against managing the issues identified within the 2022/23 Annual Governance Statement

6 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW 2023/24 AND QUARTER 2 UPDATE** (Pages 57 - 88)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

Purpose: To present the draft Treasury Management Mid-year Review 1 April-30 September 2023 for comments and recommendation for approval to Cabinet.

7 **ASSET DISPOSALS AND CAPITAL RECEIPTS GENERATED 2022/23** (Pages 89 - 96)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets -

Purpose: To report on asset disposals and capital received generated during 2022/23.

8 AUDIT ACTIONS OUTSTANDING (Pages 97 - 132)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To provide Members, as requested, with an update on the progress of audit actions outstanding within Housing & Communities and Streetscene & Transportation.

9 GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 133 - 170)

Report of Chair of Governance & Audit Committee -

Purpose: To report on activities of the Committee during 2022/23.

10 ACTION TRACKING (Pages 171 - 176)

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 177 - 182)

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) 14, 18 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report relates to financial or business affairs and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The information relates to action taken in connection with the prevention of crime and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

12 INVESTIGATION TO ANONYMOUS ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED (Pages 183 - 192)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To provide Members with a summary of the investigation undertaken after anonymous phone calls were received by two Councillors.

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