

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Governance and Audit Committee on Wednesday, 22 November 2023

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A1	Attendance and Apologies	<p><u>Membership:</u> Co-optees: Allan Rainford (Chair), Sally Ellis and Brian Harvey Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Glyn Banks, Allan Marshall, Ted Palmer, Andrew Parkhurst and Linda Thomas</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader of the Council) and Corporate Manager (Capital Programme & Assets)</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Councillor Paul Johnson (Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion & Resilient Communities), Councillor Billy Mullin (Cabinet Member for Governance & Corporate Services), Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Internal Audit, Performance & Risk Manager, Corporate Finance Manager, Strategic Finance Manager, Chief Officer (Housing & Communities), Housing & Prevention Services Manager, Strategic Housing & Programme Delivery Manager, Customer Contact Service Manager and Democratic Services Officer</p> <p>Carwyn Rees and Charles Rigby from Audit Wales Matthew Harris - Head of the Complaints Standards Authority</p>
A2	Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)	None.
A2	Minutes	That the minutes be approved as a correct record.
A3	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter 2022-23 and complaints made against Flintshire County Council during the first half of 2023-24	<p>(a) That the Committee notes the improving annual performance of the Council in respect of complaints made to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales during 2022-23;</p> <p>(b) That the Committee notes the half year performance of the Council (2023-24) in respect of complaints made to services in line with the concerns and complaints procedure;</p> <p>(c) That the Committee supports the priorities outlined in paragraph 1.24 to continuously improve complaints handling; and</p> <p>(d) That the Committee notes the lessons learned from the developing complaints procedure.</p>

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A4	Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 Mid-year Progress Report	That the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 Mid-year Progress Report be accepted.
A5	Treasury Management Mid-year Review 2023/24 and Q2 Update	That the Committee notes the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2023/24 and confirms there are no matters to be drawn to the attention of Cabinet at its meeting in December.
A6	Asset Disposals and Capital Receipts Generated 2022/23	That the report be noted.
A7	Audit Actions Outstanding	(a) That the report and appendix be accepted; and (b) That a further report be scheduled for January 2024 to update the Committee on progress with outstanding audit actions.
A8	Governance & Audit Committee Annual Report	That, subject to the inclusion of a sentence to be agreed with the Chair, the Annual Report for 2022/23 be endorsed prior to its submission to Council for approval on 6 December 2023.
A9	Action Tracking	That the report be accepted.
A10	Forward Work Programme	(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.
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 paragraphs 14 and 18 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
A12	Investigation to Anonymous Allegations Received	That the report be accepted.