

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Governance and Audit Committee on Wednesday, 24 January 2024**

| Agenda Item No | Topic  | Decision   |
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| <b>A1</b>      | Attendance and Apologies                                   | <p>Co-opted members: Allan Rainford (Chair), Sally Ellis and Brian Harvey<br/>           Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Glyn Banks, Allan Marshall, Ted Palmer and Andrew Parkhurst<br/> <u>Substitute</u>: Councillor: Geoff Collett (for Linda Thomas)</p> <p><u>Also present</u>: Councillor David Coggins Cogan attended as an observer</p> <p><u>In attendance</u>: Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader of the Council), Councillor Paul Johnson (Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion &amp; Resilient Communities), Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager, Corporate Finance Manager, Strategic Finance Manager, Strategic Performance Advisor and Democratic Services Officer</p> <p>Simon Monkhouse and Charles Rigby from Audit Wales</p> <p><u>For minute number 53</u>: Vicky Clark - Chief Officer (Housing &amp; Communities), Martin Cool - Housing &amp; Prevention Services Manager and Paul Calland - Strategic Housing &amp; Program Delivery Manager</p> <p><u>For minute number 54</u>: Service Manager (Enterprise and Regeneration)</p> |
| <b>A2</b>      | Substitution   | That Councillor Geoff Collett be permitted as a substitute for the meeting.  |
| <b>A2</b>      | Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations) | <p>Brian Harvey declared a personal interest on agenda item 5 (Audit Wales report - Social Enterprise) as he was a Director of Double Click.</p> <p>During discussion on agenda item 4 (Audit Actions Outstanding), Councillor Ted Palmer declared a personal interest as he was a Director of NEW Homes.</p>  |

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| <b>A3</b>             | Minutes  | That the minutes be approved as a correct record.  |
| <b>A4</b>             | Audit Actions Outstanding                                  | That the report and appendix be accepted, and that further updates be reflected as part of the Internal Audit Progress Report.   |
| <b>A5</b>             | Audit Wales Report - Social Enterprise                     | That the Committee supports the proposed response to Audit Wales and the supporting documents.   |
| <b>A6</b>             | Risk Management Update                                     | (a) That the Committee approves the revised Risk Management Framework (January 2024); and<br>(b) That the Committee accepts the Council's Strategic Risk Overview Report.  |
| <b>A7</b>             | Code of Corporate Governance                               | That the updated Code of Corporate Governance be endorsed for adoption as part of the Council's Constitution.  |
| <b>A8</b>             | Treasury Management 2024/25 Strategy and Q3 Update 2023/24 | (a) That having reviewed the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25 and accompanying documents, the Committee has no specific issues to be reported to Cabinet on 20 February 2024; and<br>(b) That the Treasury Management 2023/24 quarterly update be noted. |
| <b>A9</b>             | Internal Audit Progress Report                             | (a) That the report be accepted; and<br>(b) That a report be received at the next meeting relating to the position on the DBS service and urgent actions required to address the problems identified.  |

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| <b>A10</b>            | Action Tracking        | (a) That the report be accepted; and<br>(b) That the Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager undertake further investigations in respect of the action on anonymous allegations and report back to the next meeting.   |
| <b>A11</b>            | Forward Work Programme | (a) That the Forward Work Programme be accepted; and<br>(b) That the Internal Audit, Performance and 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. |