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Co-opted Members: Sally Ellis, Brian Harvey and Allan Rainford

Councillors: Teresa Carberry, Andy Hughes, Ted Palmer, Andrew Parkhurst and Linda Thew

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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2024 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-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 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Purpose: To appoint a Chair for the Committee for the forthcoming year.

2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

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

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 - 16)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2024.

6 **'TOGETHER WE CAN' COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE** (Pages 17 - 22)

Report of Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) -

Purpose: To provide an overview of the Audit Wales report and outline reflection of the content and recommendations made. A proposed response to the recommendations is made for consideration.

7 **DIGITAL STRATEGY – AUDIT WALES REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED ACTIONS** (Pages 23 - 92)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To present the outcome of the audit on the Council's Digital Strategy, to gain approval for the proposed action plan in response to recommendations from Audit Wales.

8 **AUDIT WALES - USE OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: SERVICE USER PERSPECTIVE AND OUTCOMES** (Pages 93 - 124)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To review the Recommendations for Improvement along with the Council's response.

9 **AUDIT WALES: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS: MORE THAN A TICK BOX EXERCISE** (Pages 125 - 134)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets -

Purpose: To update on progress to meet the recommendations of Audit Wales report “Equality Impact Assessments: more than a tick box exercise” and recommend improvements to ensure Integrated Impact Assessments are undertaken more consistently across the Council.

10 **ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY FOR FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 2023** (Pages 135 - 150)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

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

11 **INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER** (Pages 151 - 188)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

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

12 **ACTION TRACKING** (Pages 189 - 194)

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.

13 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 195 - 200)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Internal Audit Department.

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