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Co-opted Members: Brian Harvey (Chair), Sally Ellis 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, 24TH JULY, 2024 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 - 10)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2024.

4 **DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24** (Pages 11 - 162)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager -

Purpose: To present the draft Statement of Accounts 2023/24.

5 **SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24** (Pages 163 - 168)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager -

Purpose: To provide Members with supplementary financial information to accompany the draft accounts as per the previously agreed Notice of Motion.

6 **SOCIAL SERVICES CARE INSPECTORATE WALES, PERFORMANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION NOVEMBER 2023 - ACTION PLAN UPDATE** (Pages 169 - 212)

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services) -

Purpose: To update on the outcome of the Social Services Care Inspectorate Wales Performance Evaluation Inspection in November 2023 including the resulting action plan based on the report's recommendations.

7 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 AND Q1 UPDATE 2024/25** (Pages 213 - 248)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance and Social Value

Purpose:

1. To present to Members the draft Treasury Management Annual Report 2023/24 for comments and recommendations for approval to Cabinet.
2. To provide an update on matters relating to the Council's Treasury Management Policy, Strategy and Practices to the end of June 2024.

8 CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS 2022/23 (Pages 249 - 266)

Report of Corporate Finance Manager -

Purpose: To inform Members of the grant claim certification by Audit Wales for the year ended 31 March 2023.

9 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/24 (Pages 267 - 316)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: To endorse the Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24.

10 AUDIT WALES - AUDIT PLAN 2024 (Pages 317 - 340)

Report of Chief Executive -

Purpose: To review the Audit Wales - Audit Plan 2024 for the Council which sets out the proposed audit work for the year along with timescales, costs and the audit teams responsible for carrying out the work.

11 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 341 - 362)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To inform Members of the outcome of all audit work carried out during 2023/24 and to give the annual Internal Audit opinion on the standard of internal control, risk management and governance within the Council.

12 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 363 - 406)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To present to the Committee an update on the progress 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