

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 12 October 2023**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
<b>A1</b>	Attendance and Apologies	<p><u>Membership:</u> Councillors: Richard Jones (Chair), Bernie Attridge, Alasdair Ibbotson, Gina Maddison, Allan Marshall, Vicky Perfect, Kevin Rush, Sam Swash, Linda Thomas and Arnold Woolley</p> <p><u>Substitutes:</u> Councillor: Glyn Banks (for Bill Crease) and Linda Thew (for Jason Shallcross)</p> <p><u>Also present:</u> Councillors Helen Brown and David Coggins Cogan attended as observers</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader of the Council), Councillor Dave Hughes (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy), Councillor Paul Johnson (Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion &amp; Resilient Communities), Councillor Billy Mullin (Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services), Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Corporate Finance Manager, Corporate Manager (People and Organisational Development), Strategic Finance Managers, Senior Manager (Safeguarding &amp; Commissioning), IT Infrastructure Services Manager, Democratic Services Manager and team</p>
<b>A2</b>	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	None.
<b>A2</b>	Minutes	That the minutes be approved as a correct record.
<b>A3</b>	Action Tracking	That the Committee notes the progress which has been made.
<b>A4</b>	Forward Work Programme	<p>(a) That the Forward Work Programme be noted; and</p> <p>(b) That the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Committee Chair, be authorised to vary the Forward Work Programme between meetings, as the need arises.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Joint Funded Care Packages - Update Report	That the Committee notes the continued proactive budget management of outstanding invoices raised by the Council for payment by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

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A6	Budget 2024/25 - Stage 2	<p>(a) That having reviewed the cost pressures and options to reduce budgets in Governance, the Committee comments as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Governance &amp; Audit Committee be consulted on the removal of the vacant post in Internal Audit;</li> <li>• That officers review the pressures for the Schools’ IT Technician and Cyber Security Technician to explore the feasibility of (i) uplifting one salary in line with the other to increase resilience by the two posts supporting each other; and (ii) combining the two posts to generate a £32K saving.</li> </ul> <p>(b) That having reviewed the cost pressures and options to reduce budgets in Corporate Services, the Committee comments as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Chief Executive and Chief Officer (Governance) liaise with the Chair and Leader of the Council to send a letter on behalf of the Council to the Welsh Government, Home Office and Audit Wales to request the power of precept for the North Wales Fire &amp; Rescue Authority in Flintshire.</li> </ul> <p>(c) That having reviewed the cost pressures and options to reduce budgets in Assets, the Committee comments as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Committee does not support withdrawal of the Stonewall membership but accepts that this is included on the list of possible options if required.</li> </ul>
A7	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023/24 (Month 5)	That having considered the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023/24 (month 5) report, the Committee confirms that there are no specific matters to be raised with Cabinet.

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A8	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 paragraph 18 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
A9	Cyber Resilience	<p>(a) That the Committee notes the risk of cyber-attacks against the Council, and endorses the steps taken to ensure that the Council’s computer systems and the data they hold, remain safe and resilient;</p> <p>(b) That an email be sent to all Members, advising them to complete the ‘Cyber Ninja’ course by year-end to help reduce the risk of cyber breaches; and</p> <p>(c) That officers give consideration to the formation of a Cyber Resilience Strategy.</p>