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Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTICE OF HYBRID MEETING**  
**CABINET**  
**TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 2024 at 10.00 AM**

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum  
Democratic Services Manager

Please note: Attendance at this meeting is either in person in the Delyn Committee Room, Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire or on a virtual basis.

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>

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## A G E N D A

### 1 **APOLOGIES**

**Purpose:** To receive any apologies.

### 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Purpose:** To receive any declarations and advise Members accordingly.

### 3 **MINUTES** (Pages 9 - 16)

**Purpose:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

### **STRATEGIC REPORTS**

### 4 **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT** (Pages 17 - 70)

Report of Chief Executive - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

**Purpose:** The Annual Performance Report sets out an analysis of how well the Council has performed against our Well-being Objectives, Priorities and Sub-priorities at the end of the financial year 2023/24 of our Council Plan (2023-28). The Annual Performance Report also provides a summary of performance regarding other key areas of focus within the Council, i.e. Public Services Boards.

### 5 **STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23** (Pages 71 - 116)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

**Purpose:** To present the 2022/23 annual report for the Strategic Equality Plan.

**6 STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2024-28 (Pages 117 - 170)**

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

**Purpose:** To present the Strategic Equality Plan 2024/28 for approval prior to publication.

**7 HOMELESSNESS & ROUGH SLEEPER UPDATE REPORT & HOMELESSNESS POLICY (Pages 171 - 214)**

Report of Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) - Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

**Purpose:** To provide an annual update on the work ongoing to mitigate Homelessness and support provided to rough sleepers.

**8 RESOURCE AND WASTE STRATEGY (Pages 215 - 276)**

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

**Purpose:** To review the Council's waste strategy with the objective of achieving Welsh Government's statutory recycling target of 70%.

**9 OUTCOME OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL TOILET STRATEGY (Pages 277 - 310)**

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

**Purpose:** To provide an update following the conclusion of the public consultation and present the final draft of the strategy for adoption.

**10 AUDIT WALES ASSURANCE & RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT – CARBON REDUCTION PLAN (Pages 311 - 334)**

Report of Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) - Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy

**Purpose:** To acknowledge the outcome of the Audit Wales report and support action being taken to address its recommendation.

## **OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

### **11 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 (MONTH 10) (Pages 335 - 360)**

Report of Corporate Finance Manager - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

**Purpose:** This regular monthly report provides the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2023/24 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account. The position is based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 10, and projects forward to year-end.

### **12 APPROVAL OF THE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2024-2027 (Pages 361 - 376)**

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

**Purpose:** To seek approval of the 2024-27 Procurement Strategy.

### **13 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM SCHEME (Pages 377 - 384)**

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

**Purpose:** To consider a review of the Council Tax Premium Scheme.

### **14 AUDIT WALES REPORT - HOMELESSNESS (Pages 385 - 402)**

Report of Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) - Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

**Purpose:** To share the findings of an Audit Wales review into Homeless Prevention at Flintshire Council and seek approval to provide formal Organisational Response to Audit Wales.

### **15 POOLED BUDGET AGREEMENT FOR CARE HOME ACCOMMODATION FOR OLDER PEOPLE (Pages 403 - 408)**

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

**Purpose:** To provide an update on the work of the North Wales Pooled Budget Group to meet the legal and policy requirements of Welsh Governments for pooled budgets between local government and the National Health Service.

16 **CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING** (Pages 409 - 416)

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

**Purpose:** To advise on Flintshire's approach to safeguarding children and young people through Contextual Safeguarding.

17 **SOCIAL VALUE UPDATE REPORT** (Pages 417 - 424)

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services) - Cabinet Member for Finance, Inclusion, Resilient Communities including Social Value and Procurement

**Purpose:** To present an update report on social value.

18 **CORPORATE PARENTING CHARTER - A PROMISE FOR WALES** (Pages 425 - 440)

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

**Purpose:** To seek agreement that Flintshire County Council adopts the Corporate Parenting Charter: 'A Promise for Wales'.

19 **RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS ANNUAL REPORT** (Pages 441 - 448)

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing

**Purpose:** To provide an update on the performance of the in-house provider services in respect of the Regulation for Inspection of Social Care Act (RISCA).

20 **WORKPLACE RECYCLING REGULATIONS** (Pages 449 - 456)

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and the Regional Transport Strategy

**Purpose:** To provide an overview of the workplace recycling reforms being implemented by Welsh Government.

21 **SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2025/2026** (Pages 457 - 476)

Report of Chief Officer (Education and Youth) - Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure

**Purpose:** To advise on the outcome of the statutory consultation exercise on the admission arrangements for 2025/26 and to recommend approval.

**22 EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS (Pages 477 - 478)**

**Purpose:** To provide details of actions taken under delegated powers.

**FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - COUNTY COUNCIL, CABINET, AUDIT AND OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY - FOR INFORMATION**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and the interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing.

**23 NEWYDD BUSINESS PLAN 2024/25 (Pages 511 - 536)**

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

**Purpose:** To present the NEWydd Catering & Cleaning Ltd Business Plan 2024/25 for endorsement.

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and the interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing.

**24 ARRANGEMENTS WITH NEWYDD CATERING & CLEANING LIMITED (Pages 537 - 546)**

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Governance and Corporate Services including Health and Safety and Human Resources

**Purpose:** To present and seek endorsement of a proposal in relation to future arrangements between the Council and NEWydd Catering & Cleaning Limited.

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Cambrian Aquatics) and the interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing.

25 **CAMBRIAN AQUATICS** (Pages 547 - 552)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure

**Purpose:** To provide an update report on the Community Asset Transfer, Cambrian Aquatics.

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