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Councillors: Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, Mared Eastwood, David Healey,
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12 June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
CABINET
TUESDAY, 18TH JUNE, 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**

Purpose: To receive any declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 **MINUTES** (Pages 7 - 28)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 12th March, 24th April and 30th May 2024.

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

STRATEGIC REPORTS

4 **HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN PERFORMANCE UPDATE** (Pages 29 - 94)

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

Purpose: To provide an annual update on the current Strategy.

5 **'TOGETHER WE CAN' COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE** (Pages 95 - 100)

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

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.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

6 **AUDIT WALES REPORT (USE OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: SERVICE USER PERSPECTIVE AND OUTCOMES)** (Pages 101 - 134)

Report of Chief Executive - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

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

7 **WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2023/24** (Pages 135 - 162)

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

Purpose: To receive the Welsh Language Annual Monitoring Report 2023/24 and provide an overview of progress in complying with the Welsh Language Standards.

8 **AUDIT WALES: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS: MORE THAN A TICK BOX EXERCISE** (Pages 163 - 172)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

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.

9 **SOCIAL SERVICES CARE INSPECTORATE WALES, PERFORMANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION NOVEMBER 2023 – ACTION PLAN UPDATE** (Pages 173 - 216)

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

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.

10 **AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES** (Pages 217 - 306)

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 development of age-friendly communities in Flintshire and seek commitment for ongoing support across portfolio areas.

11 **DEFERRED CHARGES AUDIT REPORT** (Pages 307 - 352)

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 progress following the Deferred Charges Audit Report.

12 **CRACKS IN THE FOUNDATIONS BUILDING SAFETY IN WALES - AUDIT WALES REPORT** (Pages 353 - 368)

Report of Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) - Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection

Purpose: To consider Audit Wales' report "Cracks in the Foundations" and the recommendations made within that report and how key elements of the Building Safety Act 2022 are being implemented in Wales.

13 **DESTINATION MANAGEMENT** (Pages 369 - 388)

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

Purpose: To seek approval for the draft Destination Management Plan.

14 **COMMUNAL HEATING CHARGES 2023/25** (Pages 389 - 394)

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

Purpose: To consider the proposed heating charges in council properties with communal heating systems for 2024/25 prior to approval.

15 **PURCHASE OF 'BUY BACKS' USING THE WELSH GOVERNMENT (WG) TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME (TACP)** (Pages 395 - 398)

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

Purpose: To seek approval for the internal transfer of the properties from the Council fund to the HRA.

16 **EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS** (Pages 399 - 400)

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 public interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing it until such time as the contract has been awarded.

17 INSURANCE SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION (Pages 437 - 454)

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

Purpose: To seek approval to extend the Insurances Services Contract.

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 public interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing it until such time as the contract has been awarded.

18 RECOMMISSIONING OF LEARNING DISABILITY DAY AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES SERVICES (Pages 455 - 552)

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 adult day and work opportunity services and to approve recommissioning of current contracts.

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