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**Co-opted Members:**

Lisa Allen, Lynn Bartlett and Wendy White

17 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTICE OF HYBRID MEETING**  
**EDUCATION, YOUTH & CULTURE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, 23RD MAY, 2024 at 2.00 PM**

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum  
Democratic Services Manager

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## A G E N D A

### 1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

**Purpose:** At the Annual Meeting, Council determined that the Labour Group will Chair this Committee. The Committee is advised that Councillor Teresa Carberry is the Chair of the Committee for the municipal year.

### 2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

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

### 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 - 14)

**Purpose:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 21 March 2024.

### 6 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKING (Pages 15 - 28)

Report of Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator

**Purpose:** To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to inform the Committee of progress against actions from previous meetings.

### 7 CHANGES TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DELIVERY MODELS IN WALES (Pages 29 - 38)

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

**Purpose:** To provide an update following the Welsh Government announcement to change the mechanism of funding for all regional consortia across Wales and the outcome of the Welsh Government commissioned middle tier review which has had significant implications for the current arrangements for school improvement service.

**8** **ESTYN REVISED FRAMEWORKS FOR INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION SERVICES** (Pages 39 - 46)

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

**Purpose:** To provide information on the new Inspection Framework for Schools from Estyn and revised Local Government Inspection Framework.

**9** **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND EXCLUSIONS** (Pages 47 - 62)

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

**Purpose:** Providing the Committee with the latest information on learner attendance and exclusions for Flintshire Schools.

**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 the information until such time as the proposals within the report have been implemented.

**10** **SALTNEY & BROUGHTON SCHOOL NETWORK REVIEW** (Pages 63 - 106)

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

**Purpose:** To consider the proposed school network options for the Saltney/Broughton area prior to Cabinet approval.

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 the information until such time as the proposals within the report have been implemented.

11 **WELSH GOVERNMENT'S (WG) SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOR LEARNING ROLLING CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AND MUTUAL INVESTMENT MODEL (MIM)** (Pages 107 - 162)

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

**Purpose:** To consider the Council's Strategic Outline Plan (SOP) which identifies future investment needs for the school estate over the next seven years via the Welsh Government's Sustainable Learning Communities Fund.

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