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Co-opted Members: Brian Harvey (Chair), Sally Ellis and Allan Rainford

Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Teresa Carberry, Andy Hughes, Ted Palmer, Andrew Parkhurst and Linda Thew

19 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 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 24 July 2024.

4 **CORPORATE SELF-ASSESSMENT 2023/24** (Pages 11 - 60)

Report of Chief Executive -

Purpose: To accept and approve the findings of the Corporate Self-Assessment 2023/24 and approve the opportunities for improvement identified in Corporate Self-Assessment 2023/24.

5 **SETTING OF WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES** (Pages 61 - 96)

Report of Chief Executive -

Purpose: To review the recommendations for improvement advised by Audit Wales, along with the Council's response.

6 **NOMINATING MEMBERS TO THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE'S OWN GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE** (Pages 97 - 132)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

Purpose: The Corporate Joint Committee has its own Governance and Audit Committee and we need to nominate one Councillor and one Lay Member to that committee.

7 **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT** (Pages 133 - 156)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To present to the Committee an update on the progress of the Internal Audit Department.

8 **ACTION TRACKING** (Pages 157 - 160)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To inform the Committee of the actions resulting from points raised at previous Governance and Audit Committee meetings.

9 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 161 - 166)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

Purpose: To present to the Committee an update on the progress of the Internal Audit Department.

10 **SCHOOL RESERVES YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024 AND DEMOGRAPHICS** (Pages 167 - 178)

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

Purpose: To provide the Committee with details of the closing balances held by Flintshire schools at the end of the financial year and information on changes in demographics.

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