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To: All Members of the Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 14TH MAY, 2024 at 1.00 PM OR ON THE RISE OF THE ANNUAL
MEETING, WHICHEVER IS THE LATEST

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum
Democratic Services Manager

Please note: Attendance at this meeting is either in person in The Lord Barry Jones Council Chamber, Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire or on a virtual basis.

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A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 NOTICE OF MOTION (Pages 3 - 6)

Purpose: This item is to receive any Notices of Motion: Two have been received.

4 QUESTIONS (Pages 7 - 10)

Purpose: To note the answers to any questions submitted in accordance with County Council Standing Order No. 9.4(A): Two were received.

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

Notice of Motion – Councillor Coggins Cogan

In 2023, the Labour cabinet in Flintshire chose not to provide free school meals during holidays after the Labour Welsh Government stopped paying for them. After Liberal Democrats challenged the decision, it was agreed that provision would be put in place for Christmas 2023, and a long term solution would be reached.

For a second Summer, children in the greatest need in Flintshire face a lack of support, as the cost of living crisis continues to bite. This council cannot and will not allow children to go hungry. The council can afford to make provision for these children, as the cabinet has shown by finding money for other causes and funding pressures which were not included in the budget.

Therefore, this council:

1. Instructs the cabinet to draw up plans to provide payments during the school Summer holiday to parents of children eligible for free school meals.
2. Requires that the cabinet approves such plans no later than 3rd June, to allow them to be implemented in good time.
3. Leaves the amount of payment to the cabinet's discretion, subject to a requirement that it not be less than £50 per eligible child.

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Notice of Motion - Get Home Safe Licencing - Councillor Alasdair Ibbotson

Flintshire County Council notes:

- 1) that shift work is widespread in many industries, particularly hospitality, as well as health and care workers, retail, cleaning, security and porter staff, and can often entail late-night working
- 2) that many workers, especially women, are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night

Flintshire County Council believes:

- 1) that while employers may feel their duty of care to staff ends when an employee finishes a shift, they also need to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours
- 2) the weakness of enforcement of the law against sexual assault, including up-skirting, on public transport is appalling and only 2% of victims go on to report sexual harassment on public transport
- 3) that Unite the Union's Get Me Home Safely campaign, which calls on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers are able to get home safely from work at night, is much needed and should be supported
- 4) that greater numbers of trained staff and stronger enforcement of the law against sexual assault and harassment on public transport are urgently needed

Flintshire County Council resolves:

- 1) to use its powers, as others such as East Dunbartonshire Council and Glasgow City Council have done, and adopt a policy that our licencing committee will ensure the process for approving late night licences will be linked to the provision of free transport home
- 2) to instruct that a draft policy shall be prepared, that Unite the Union will be consulted during the drafting of this policy, and that this draft shall be put before this council before the end of the 2024/25 municipal year for a vote on adoption
- 3) to publicly call for the municipal ownership of buses in order to lower prices and improve service provision, especially for night-time and off-peak services

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Question – Councillor Sam Swash

In September 2023, this Council passed a Notice of Motion to create a 'Report a Rogue' landlord tool and a Rogue Landlord Checker. More than six months have passed since this was decided but no such tools have yet been launched. What progress has been made to date on their creation and when will the tools be launched?

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Question – Councillor Alasdair Ibbotson

To ask the Cabinet Member for Planning & Public Protection if he will publish, for each of the last 3 years, (a) the number of stop notices issued by the council in response to development without permission, (b) the number of temporary stop notices issued by the council, (c) the number of occasions where work requiring planning permission which has not be granted has continued after the submission of a retrospective planning application and prior to the determination of this application, and (d) the number of temporary stop notices issued in those cases.

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