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

Councillors: Bernie Attridge, Teresa Carberry, Bill Crease, Ted Palmer, Andrew Parkhurst and Jason Shallcross

19 November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTICE OF HYBRID MEETING**  
**GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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 (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 26 September 2024.

### 4 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24** (Pages 11 - 190)

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

**Purpose:** To present the final audited version of the Statement of Accounts 2023/24 for approval.

### 5 **AUDIT WALES REPORT - FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Pages 191 - 210)

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

**Purpose:** To advise on the final report received from Audit Wales.

### 6 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW 2024/25 AND Q2 UPDATE** (Pages 211 - 244)

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

**Purpose:** To present to Members the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 1st April - 30th September 2024 for comments and recommendation for approval to Cabinet.

### 7 **RESPONSE TO THE AUDIT WALES REVIEW "URGENT AND EMERGENCY CARE: FLOW OUT OF HOSPITAL – NORTH WALES REGION"** (Pages 245 - 300)

Report of Chief Officer (Social Services) -

**Purpose:** To present findings and the council response to the Auditor General's review of the arrangements to support effective flow out of hospital in the North Wales region detailed within "Urgent and Emergency Care: Flow out of Hospital - North Wales Region".

8 **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER 2023-24 AND HALF-YEAR COMPLAINTS PERFORMANCE 2024-25** (Pages 301 - 324)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

**Purpose:** To share the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter 2023-24 for Flintshire County Council and an overview of complaints received by each portfolio of the Council between 1 April 2024 - 30 September 2024.

9 **CORPORATE SELF-ASSESSMENT 2023/24** (Pages 325 - 376)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

**Purpose:** To provide an update on the Corporate Self-Assessment in relation to the action raised at the September Governance and Audit Committee meeting.

10 **GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF-ASSESSMENT - ACTION PLAN - MID YEAR REVIEW** (Pages 377 - 384)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

**Purpose:** To present to Committee a detailed action plan to support the results of the Committee's self-assessment. It will also form the basis for the provision of any further training required by the Committee.

11 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/24 - MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT** (Pages 385 - 410)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) -

**Purpose:** To provide an update of the progress made against managing the issues identified within the Annual Governance Statement.

12 **GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT** (Pages 411 - 450)

Report of Chair of Governance and Audit Committee -

**Purpose:** To report on activities of the Committee during 2023/24.

13 **ACTION TRACKING** (Pages 451 - 454)

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.

14 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 455 - 460)

Report of Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Manager -

**Purpose:** To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Internal Audit Department.

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