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11 December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF HYBRID MEETING
CABINET
TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 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>

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 - 14)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2024.

4 **URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

Purpose: Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

STRATEGIC REPORTS

5 **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND BUDGET 2025/26** (Pages 15 - 28)

Report of Chief Executive – Cabinet Member for Finance and Social Value

Purpose: To provide an update on the Council's revenue budget position for the 2025/26 financial year in advance of the receipt of the Welsh Local Government Provisional Settlement on 11 December.

6 **CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW NATIONAL PARK FOR NORTH EAST WALES** (Pages 29 - 42)

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

Purpose: To agree the Council's response to a live consultation on the proposed North East Wales National Park.

7 DE-CARBONISATION STRATEGY UPDATE (Pages 43 - 70)

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

Purpose: To provide an update on the De-carbonisation Strategy.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

8 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2024/25 (MONTH 7) (Pages 71 - 96)

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

Purpose: This regular monthly report provides the latest revenue budget monitoring position for 2024/25 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account. The position is based on actual income and expenditure as at Month 7, and projects forward to year-end.

9 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW 2024/25 (Pages 97 - 122)

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

Purpose: To present the draft Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2024/25 for recommendation to Council.

10 BUSINESS RATES – WRITE OFF (Pages 123 - 126)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

Purpose: To seek approval to write off irrecoverable Business Rate debts more than £25,000.

11 HOUSING RENT INCOME SERVICE – CHANGE IN REPORTING PORTFOLIO (Pages 127 - 132)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Housing and Communities) - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities

Purpose: To seek approval to transfer the Housing Rent Income service from the Governance portfolio to the Housing & Communities portfolio.

12 **RECOMMISSIONING OF HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT (HSG) FLOATING SUPPORT CONTRACTS** (Pages 133 - 138)

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

Purpose: To approve the commissioning / re-tendering of Flintshire's Floating Support Services funded by the Housing Support Grant.

13 **COST RECOVERY FOR SUPPORTING PUBLIC EVENTS AFFECTING THE HIGHWAY** (Pages 139 - 152)

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation

Purpose: To advise on the level of support offered to event organisers, and the necessity to recover associated costs for public events affecting the highway.

14 **PROPOSALS BY THE LAW COMMISSION TO REFORM BURIAL AND CREMATION LEGISLATION** (Pages 153 - 206)

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation

Purpose: To provide information on a review being undertaken by the Law Commission in relation to a reform in the legislation for burial, cremation and new funerary methods.

15 **FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM INVESTMENT ZONE** (Pages 207 - 222)

Report of Chief Executive - Leader of the Council

Purpose: To provide an update on the development of the Flintshire and Wrexham Investment Zone.

16 **SOCIAL SERVICES CARE INSPECTORATE WALES, PERFORMANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION NOVEMBER 2023 – ACTION PLAN UPDATE** (Pages 223 - 278)

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 of implementing the resulting action plan.

17 **FUTURE OF INTEGRATED COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TEAM (CMHT)** (Pages 279 - 284)

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

Purpose: To consider a proposal to cease an integrated Community Mental Health Team (CMHT) partnership with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). This would involve withdrawing Social Workers from the three CMHT Teams and locating them alongside the existing Well Being and Recovery Team within Social Services.

18 **FLYING START CHILDCARE EXPANSION FLINTSHIRE PROPOSAL** (Pages 285 - 302)

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

Purpose: To seek approval for the proposed Phase 3 expansion of the Flying Start 2 year old childcare across Flintshire into remaining areas currently not covered.

19 **CALL-IN REPORT - RESIDUAL WASTE COLLECTION CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY REVIEW** (Pages 303 - 324)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation

Purpose: To provide an update following the call-in meeting relating to the Residual Waste Collection Change Implementation and Policy Review held on Tuesday 10th December 2024.

20 **EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS** (Pages 325 - 326)

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) 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report contains matters pertaining to employment relations and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosure until such time as the issues have been resolved.

21 **STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME** (Pages 357 - 368)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Transformation and Assets

Purpose: To approve the criteria for adding projects to the transformation programme and to consider adding a number of projects.

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 report contains details of the financial affairs of Cambrian Aquatics and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosure.

22 **CAMBRIAN AQUATICS** (Pages 369 - 376)

Report of Chief Executive - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Transformation and Assets

Purpose: To provide an update on Cambrian Aquatics.

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