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To: All Members of the Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTICE OF HYBRID MEETING**  
**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 at 1.00 PM**

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.

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 FOR ABSENCE**

**Purpose:** To receive any apologies.

### **2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Pages 5 - 6)**

**Purpose:** This item is to receive any Public Questions: two were received by the deadline.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Purpose:** To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

### **4 MINUTES (Pages 7 - 30)**

**Purpose:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 16 April and 22 July 2024.

### **5 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

**Purpose:** To receive the communications as circulated.

### **6 PETITIONS**

**Purpose:** This is an opportunity for Members of Council to submit petitions on behalf of people in their ward. Once received, petitions are passed to the appropriate Chief Officer for action and response.

## **PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **7 ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **8 APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**Purpose:** To note the appointment of the Cabinet by the Leader of the Council.

### **9 COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM SCHEME FOR SECOND HOMES AND LONG-TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES (Pages 31 - 138)**

Report of Chief Officer (Governance)

**Purpose:** To consider the feedback from the 12-week public consultation and the council tax premium rates on second homes and long-term empty properties and whether the rates should remain the same or be increased from April 2025.

## **ORDINARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **10 REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE (Pages 139 - 144)**

Report of Chief Officer (Governance)

**Purpose:** Due to a change in group membership we need to review the Political Balance and the allocation of seats on Committees.

### **11 RECRUITMENT OF A LAY MEMBER TO THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 145 - 148)**

Report of Chief Officer (Governance)

**Purpose:** To approve the recruitment process of a Lay Member to the Governance and Audit Committee as required by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.

### **12 PETITIONS RECEIVED AT COUNCIL (Pages 149 - 152)**

Report of Chief Officer (Governance)

**Purpose:** To inform Council of the outcomes of petitions which have been submitted over the past year.

### **13 NOTICE OF MOTION (Pages 153 - 160)**

**Purpose:** This item is to receive any Notices of Motion. Four have been accepted and attached to the agenda.

## **FOR INFORMATION**

### **14 QUESTIONS (Pages 161 - 162)**

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

### **15 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Purpose:** To consider any issues raised by Members arising from the Minutes of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Committees and other Committees, together with any questions raised under Section 4.20 of the Council's Constitution. Copies of the Minutes of the various meetings that have taken place since the last ordinary meeting of the Council which have been approved and published on the Authority's website, can be obtained, if required, via the Committee and Member Services.

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