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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF HYBRID MEETING
CABINET
TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 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 9 - 20)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2024.

TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

STRATEGIC REPORTS

4 **BUDGET 2025/26 MTFS** (Pages 21 - 36)

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

Purpose: To present the first estimate for the additional budget requirement for 2025/26 and the developing budget strategy and timeline.

5 **ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY FOR FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 2023** (Pages 37 - 52)

Report of Chief Executive - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

Purpose: The Annual Audit Summary sets out the audit and regulatory work completed by Audit Wales of Flintshire County Council since the last annual report which was published in March 2023. The audit summary forms part of the Auditor General for Wales' duties.

6 **GOVERNANCE FOR THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME** (Pages 53 - 62)

Report of Chief Officer (Governance) - Cabinet Member for Finance and Social Value

Purpose: To approve the decision making on oversight mechanisms for the proposed programme of transformation reviews. The aim of the transformation programme is to review the way we work in order to make savings to help meet the funding gap in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

7 **TENANT INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY** (Pages 63 - 82)

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

Purpose: To consider the Customer Involvement Strategy.

8 **THE COUNCIL'S TRANSITION TO A RESTRICTED CAPACITY RESIDUAL WASTE COLLECTION MODEL** (Pages 83 - 128)

Report of Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Transportation

Purpose: To provide an update on the outcome of the waste and recycling modelling work undertaken by WRAP Cymru with the purpose of maximising recycling performance.

9 **DIGITAL STRATEGY – AUDIT WALES REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED ACTIONS** (Pages 129 - 198)

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

Purpose: To present the outcome of the audit on the Council's Digital Strategy, to gain approval for the proposed action plan in response to recommendations from Audit Wales.

10 **SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24** (Pages 199 - 274)

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

Purpose: To receive the Annual Director of Social Services Report, which include the key developments of the past year and our priorities for next year.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

11 **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2023/24 (OUTTURN)** (Pages 275 - 302)

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

Purpose: To present the Outturn Revenue Budget Monitoring Report information for 2023/24

12 **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2024/25 (INTERIM)** (Pages 303 - 314)

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

Purpose: This report provides known key risks and issues to the revenue budget outturn position for 2024/25 for the Council Fund and Housing Revenue Account.

13 **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2023/24 (OUTTURN)** (Pages 315 - 340)

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

Purpose: To present the Outturn Capital Programme information for 2023/24

14 **PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS - ACTUALS 2023/24** (Pages 341 - 348)

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

Purpose: The report provides details of the Council's actual Prudential Indicators for 2023/24 compared with the estimates set for Prudence and Affordability

15 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2024** (Pages 349 - 390)

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

Purpose: To approve the outcome of the annual review of fees and charges for 2024

16 **SHELTERED HOUSING REVIEW UPDATE** (Pages 391 - 402)

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

Purpose: To provide an update on the Sheltered Housing Review.

17 **CHILDCARE AND EARLY YEARS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022-25**
(Pages 403 - 416)

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 early years capital programme and receive approval to:

- progress to the design and build stage (to meet Welsh Government and Project Timeline)
- appoint a contractor using a Direct Award (as agreed with Design team)

18 **THE NATIONAL RESIDENTS SURVEY** (Pages 417 - 424)

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

Purpose: To seek approval for Flintshire County Council to be part of the All Wales Resident Survey.

19 **BUSINESS RATES - WRITE OFFS** (Pages 425 - 430)

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

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

20 **ENFORCEMENT OF CLOSURE NOTICES AND CLOSURE ORDERS UNDER THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014** (Pages 431 - 436)

Report of Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) - Cabinet Member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection

Purpose: To give the Council the powers to issue Closure Notices and Orders under The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

21 **OPEN ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH FRESHWAVE** (Pages 437 - 442)

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

Purpose: To seek approval to sign a non-exclusive Open Access Agreement with Freshwave Facilities Limited

22 **INVESTMENT ZONE FOR FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM** (Pages 443 - 458)

Report of Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) - Leader of the Council

Purpose: To provide an update on the development of the Flintshire and Wrexham Investment Zone to date and seek approval for the next steps needed to take the programme through the joint UK / WG Gateway process.

23 **CARE CLOSER TO HOME: PLACEMENT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN** (Pages 459 - 526)

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

Purpose: To outline the outcome of the review and impact of Flintshire County Council Local Policy.

24 **CHARGING FOR APPOINTEESHIP** (Pages 527 - 562)

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

Purpose: To provide details of the proposals to charge a management fee to individuals for whom the Council are Corporate Appointees.

25 **EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS** (Pages 563 - 564)

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

The report contains details of the business affairs of another organisation and the public interest in withholding those outweighs the interest in disclosing them.

26 **THIRD SECTOR GRANT FUNDING** (Pages 599 - 614)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

Purpose: To present an update on third sector funding; Community Chest and Strategic Funding. This will include a progress update on implementing the actions stemming from the last review of funding and recommendations for next steps.

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 public interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing it until such time as the contract has been awarded.

27 **RECOMMISSIONING OF UNPAID CARERS SERVICES** (Pages 615 - 732)

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

Purpose: To consult on the review of carers services and proposals for commissioning.

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 commercially sensitive information belonging to a third party and the public interest in not revealing the information outweighs the public interest in revealing the information.

28 **THEATR CLWYD BUSINESS PLAN – ANNUAL UPDATE** (Pages 733 - 964)

Report of Corporate Manager – Capital Programme & Assets - Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language and Culture

Purpose: To provide Members with an opportunity to view the finalised Theatr Clwyd Business Plan 2023-29 and receive an annual update on delivery against the Plan

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