



To: Chair and Members of the County Council

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held at **10.00 am** on **TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2012** in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN LL15 1YN.**

Yours sincerely

G Williams  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

### **3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

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.

**4 MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 8)

To receive the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7 February 2012 (copy enclosed).

**5 ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT** (Pages 9 - 12)

To consider a report by the Head of Business, Planning and Performance (copy enclosed) which outlines the Council's response to the WAO's Annual Improvement Report.

**6 COUNCIL TAX 2012 / 13 AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS** (Pages 13 - 20)

To consider a report by the Chief Finance Officer (copy enclosed) to consider the precepts received from the North Wales Police Authority and the Town / Community Councils and declare the Council Tax levels for the 2012 / 2013 financial year.

**7 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT GROUP**  
(Pages 21 - 28)

To consider a report by the Head of Finance and Assets (copy to follow) which contains information in the report and in a **confidential** appendix on the capital bids received for inclusion in the Council's 2012 / 2013 capital plan.

**8 REVIEW OF THE NEW SCRUTINY SYSTEM** (Pages 29 - 44)

To consider a report by the Head of Business, Planning and Performance (copy enclosed) which outlined the conclusions of a review of the new scrutiny system adopted by the Council in May 2011.

**Comfort Break**

**9 CONSTITUTION REVIEW** (Pages 45 - 78)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) to inform Members of the outcome of the consultation process to date and suggested areas of changes to the Council's Constitution.

**10 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2012 / 13 AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2012 / 13 TO 2014 / 15** (Pages 79 - 104)

To consider a report by the Head of Finance and Assets (copy enclosed) which shows how the Council will manage its investments and its borrowing for the coming year and seeks approval for the policies within which the Treasury Management function operates.

**11 TIMETABLE FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2012 / 13**

To consider a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy to follow) for County Council to approve the timetable of meetings for 2012 / 2013 as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

**12 NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Brian Blakeley:

"The Council notes with concern the fact that the Local Development Plan Inspector has reached a preliminary conclusion that the County Council has made insufficient provision for housing.

This Council wishes to remind both Cabinet members and officers of the extent of authority delegated to them and recognise that it is for the full Council to decide upon any changes to plans and alterations which comprise the Local Development Plan.

This Council wishes to inform the Inspector that all Council members must be informed of any change to policy, proposals or strategy discussed by officers, at explanatory meetings, on behalf of Denbighshire County Council are matters that must first be subject of approval by full Council."

**13 COUNCIL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 105 - 108)

To consider the Council's forward work programme (copy enclosed).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Councillors**

Ian Armstrong  
Raymond Bartley  
John Bellis  
Brian Blakeley  
Joan Butterfield  
June Cahill  
Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones  
William Cowie  
Ann Davies  
Carl Davies  
James Davies  
Meirick Davies  
Pauline Dobb  
Peter Duffy  
Michael Eckersley  
Christine Evans  
Gwilym Evans  
Hugh Evans  
Bobby Feeley  
Sharon Frobisher  
George Green  
Ian Gunning  
Diana Hannam  
Colin Hughes

Neville Hughes  
Rhiannon Hughes  
Rhys Hughes  
Glyn Jones  
Huw Jones  
Morfudd Jones  
Richard Jones  
Gwyneth Kensler  
David Lee  
Paul Marfleet  
Lucy Morris  
Peter Owen  
Dewi Owens  
Allan Pennington  
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