

To: Members of the Democratic

Services Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE** to be held at **9.30 am** on **FRIDAY**, **28 NOVEMBER 2014** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1B**, **COUNTY HALL**, **RUTHIN**.

Yours sincerely

G Williams Head of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Pages 3 - 4)

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 OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive the minutes of the Democratic Services Committee meeting held on the 7 February 2014 (copy enclosed).

5 **DEVELOPING SCRUTINY IN DENBIGHSHIRE** (Pages 9 - 26)

To consider a report (copy attached). The report aims to develop and implement proposals on how the Council's Scrutiny function can be improved.

6 COMMITTEE TIMETABLE FOR 2015 / 2016 (Pages 27 - 30)

To consider a report (copy attached). The report contains information and seeks views on timetabling and committee-related issues.

7 THE FAMILY ABSENCE FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WALES) REGULATIONS 2013 (Pages 31 - 42)

To consider a report (copy attached) to inform the Committee on the Regulations and discuss the amendments to the Council's Standing Orders that are required prior to their agreement by Council.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Joan Butterfield Bill Cowie Stuart Davies Martyn Holland Barry Mellor (Chair) Win Mullen-James Bob Murray Peter Owen Merfyn Parry Arwel Roberts Cefyn Williams

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