

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 **10.00 am** on **FRIDAY**, **22 JANUARY 2016** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1B**, **COUNTY HALL**, **RUTHIN LL15 1YN**.

Yours sincerely

G Williams Head of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3 URGENT ITEMS 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 3 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the Democratic Services Committee meetings held on:-

- (a) 28th November, 2014 (copy attached).
- (b) 13th March, 2015 (copy attached).

5 **DEVELOPMENT OF SCRUTINY IN DENBIGHSHIRE** (Pages 11 - 28)

To consider a joint report by the Democratic Services Manager and Scrutiny Coordinator (copy attached) on the progress to date in developing and improving the Council's scrutiny function.

6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) BILL (Pages 29 - 36)

To consider a report by the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services (copy attached) on the changes and proposals to reform Welsh local government's legislative framework.

7 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

To consider future items.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Joan Butterfield
Bill Cowie
Stuart Davies
Martyn Holland
Barry Mellor
Win Mullen-James

Bob Murray Peter Owen Merfyn Parry Arwel Roberts Cefyn Williams

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