

To: Members of the Corporate  
Governance Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** to be held at **9.30 am** on **MONDAY, 27 JULY 2015** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams  
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1 - THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING**

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

#### **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

#### **3 URGENT MATTERS**

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 5 - 14)**

To receive the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 20 May 2015 (copy attached).

**5 BUDGET PROCESS 2015/16** (Pages 15 - 20)

To consider a report by the Chief Finance Officer, which provides an update on the process to deliver the revenue budget for 2016/17 (copy enclosed).

**6 WAO ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT 2014/15** (Pages 21 - 70)

To receive a report from the Strategic Planning & Performance Officer, which summarises the key findings from the WAO's Annual Improvement Report regarding Denbighshire's planning and reporting arrangements in order to meet statutory continuous improvement duties (copy enclosed).

**7 WAO REPORT - FINANCIAL RESILIENCE OF COUNCILS IN WALES**  
(Pages 71 - 130)

To consider a report by the Chief Finance Officer (CFO), on the Wales Audit Office national study of the robustness of management and planning arrangements to support financial resilience at each Council, focussing on how Councils plan and deliver their budget commitments (copy enclosed).

**8 AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT - MANAGING EARLY DEPARTURES**  
(Pages 131 - 192)

To consider a report by the Chief Finance Officer (CFO), on a Wales Audit Office national study examining whether Welsh public bodies can demonstrate that they are securing value for money from the use of early departures to control or reduce workforce costs (copy enclosed).

**9 NEW MODEL CONSTITUTION** (Pages 193 - 212)

To consider a report by the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services (copy enclosed) on the Council's new Model Constitution.

**10 RIPA AND SURVEILLANCE COMMISSIONERS REPORT** (Pages 213 - 228)

To consider a report by the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, which provides the recent inspection report following the visit by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners (copy enclosed).

**11 INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER** (Pages 229 - 240)

To consider a report by the Head of Internal Audit, which presented a revised Internal Audit Charter for approval (copy enclosed).

**12 FEEDBACK ON CORPORATE EQUALITY MEETING**

To receive a verbal report from Councillor M.L. Holland on the Corporate Equalities meeting.

**13 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 241 - 242)

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

**PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

It is recommended in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business because it is likely that exempt information (as defined in paragraph "[Insert Number]" of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed.

**14 CHILD PRACTICE REVIEW** (Pages 243 - 262)

To consider a report by the Head of Children & Family Services, which provides a report from the Child Practice Review undertaken by the Regional Safeguarding Children Board (copy enclosed).

**15 PFI CONTRACT UPDATE** (Pages 263 - 274)

To consider a report by the Chief Finance Officer, which provides an update on the project to terminate the Council's County Hall PFI agreement (copy enclosed).

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Councillors**

Ann Davies  
Stuart Davies  
Peter Duffy

Jason McLellan  
Barry Mellor

**Lay Member**

Paul Whitham

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