

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 **WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2016** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams  
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

## **AGENDA**

### **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 - 20)**

To receive the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016.

### **5 JOINING EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (Pages 21 - 60)**

To consider a report by the Corporate Director: Communities (copy enclosed) on the findings from the Test of Assurance (ToA) for joining Education and Children and Families services in Denbighshire County Council (DCC).

- 6 WAO ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT 2015/16** (Pages 61 - 108)  
To receive a report and presentation from the Wales Audit Office (copy enclosed) on the Annual Improvement Report 2015/16.
- 7 CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS 2014/15** (Pages 109 - 124)  
To consider a report by Chief Finance Officer (copy enclosed) which set out a summary of the key outcomes from WAO's certification work on the Council's 2014/15 grants and returns.
- 8 BUDGET PROCESS 2015/16** (Pages 125 - 132)  
To consider a report by the Chief Finance Officer (copy enclosed) which provides an update on the process to deliver the revenue budget for 2017/18.
- 9 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16** (Pages 133 - 142)  
To consider a report by the Head of Internal Audit (copy enclosed) on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's framework of governance, risk and control during the year that informs the 'annual governance statement'.
- 10 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL ASSURANCE PLAN 2016/17** (Pages 143 - 156)  
To consider a report by the Head of Internal Audit (copy enclosed) on the Internal Audit Annual Assurance Plan for 2016-17.
- 11 DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND IMPROVEMENT STATEMENT 2015/16** (Pages 157 - 184)  
To consider a report by the Head of Internal Audit (copy enclosed) which provides the draft self-assessment report on the Council's governance and improvement arrangements for 2015/16.
- 12 INTERNAL AUDIT OF WEST RHYL COASTAL DEFENCE SCHEME PHASE 3** (Pages 185 - 208)  
To consider a report by the Head of Internal Audit (copy enclosed) on the recent Internal Audit report on the Coastal Defence project that received a 'Low' assurance rating.
- 13 FEEDBACK ON CORPORATE EQUALITY MEETINGS**  
To consider a verbal report by the Head of Legal HR and Democratic Services on the feedback on Corporate Equality meetings.
- 14 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 209 - 212)  
To consider the Committee's forward work programme (copy enclosed).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Councillors**

Ann Davies  
Stuart Davies  
Peter Duffy

Alice Jones  
Jason McLellan

### **Lay Member**

Paul Whitham

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