

To: Members of the Communities  
Scrutiny Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** to be held at **9.30 am** on **THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2016** 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 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 5 - 12)**

To receive the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 30 June 2016 (copy attached).

- 5 DWP / PEOPLE PLUS PROVISION IN DENBIGHSHIRE** (Pages 13 - 16)  
To discuss with both organisations their visions for Denbighshire residents, how they intend to deliver their visions and improve outcomes for service-users, the reasons behind the decision to relocate DWP services to Flint and the result of the impact assessments undertaken to inform that decision.
- 6 RESIDENTS SURVEY** (Pages 17 - 26)  
To examine the results of the most recent Residents Survey and the effectiveness of the new survey methodology in gauging a decisive indication of citizens' views of the Council.
- 7 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM** (Pages 27 - 32)  
To detail the application of the county's policy with respect to school attendance.
- 8 HAZARDOUS ROUTES TO SCHOOLS** (Pages 33 - 66)  
Application of rules and guidance in the determination of the safety of school routes as they apply in the context of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008
- 9 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 67 - 84)  
To consider a report by the Scrutiny Coordinator (copy enclosed) seeking a review of the committee's forward work programme and updating members on relevant issues.
- 10 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**  
To receive any updates from Committee representatives on various Council Boards and Groups

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Councillors**

Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts  
(Chair)

Councillor Rhys Hughes (Vice-Chair)

Brian Blakeley  
Bill Cowie  
Peter Evans  
Martyn Holland  
Bob Murray

Anton Sampson  
David Simmons  
Cefyn Williams  
Cheryl Williams

**Voting Co-opted Members for Education (Agenda Items No. 7 & No. 8 only)**

Debra Houghton  
John Piper

Gareth Williams

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