

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, 29 NOVEMBER 2017** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Pages 5 - 6)

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 7 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 27 September 2017 (copy enclosed).

5 SCHOOLS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY (Pages 15 - 60)

To consider a report by the Head of Finance and Head of education (copy enclosed) to explain the council's policy and approach to working with schools in financial difficulty.

6 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND IT MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS
(Pages 61 - 64)

To consider a update report by the Head of Education and the Principal Education Manager (copy enclosed) to provide information on how the Council is implementing improvements in the way schools are managing information since the issue of the Internal Audit report that gave a Low Assurance.

7 ANNUAL RIPA (REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000) REPORT (Pages 65 - 68)

To consider an information report by the Deputy Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) on the Council's use of its powers of surveillance under RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000).

8 ANNUAL WHISTLE BLOWING REPORT (Pages 69 - 70)

To consider a report by the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services (copy enclosed) to inform Members of activities in respect of the Whistleblowing Policy.

9 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 71 - 88)

To consider a report by the Chief Internal Auditor (copy enclosed) updating members on Internal Audit progress.

10 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT - ACTION PLAN UPDATE (Pages 89 - 92)

To consider a report by the Chief Internal Auditor (copy enclosed) which provides information on how the Council is implementing improvements in governance arrangements since the issue of the Annual Governance Statement in July 2017.

11 INTERNAL AUDIT SELF-ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Pages 93 - 96)

To consider a report by the Chief Internal Auditor (copy enclosed) which provides the result of the internal audit self-assessment against the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

12 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 97 - 100)

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

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Mabon ap Gwynfor
Tony Flynn
Martyn Holland

Alan James
Barry Mellor
Joe Welch

Lay Member

Paul Whitham

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