

To: Members of the Corporate
Governance and Audit Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE** to be held at **9.30 am** on **WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2021** in **VIA ZOOM**.

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 (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 - 16)

To receive the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 18 November 2020 (copy enclosed).

5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) BILL - PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE (Pages 17 - 60)

To receive a report (copy attached) on the consultation on the draft statutory guidance for principal councils, which determines how they should exercise their performance and governance functions as set out in Part 6 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.

6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) BILL 2021 (Pages 61 - 76)

To receive a report on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill 2019 (the Bill) (copy attached).

7 CHALLENGE & INTERVENTION FRAMEWORK FOR SCHOOLS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY (SIFD) (Pages 77 - 124)

To receive a report (copy attached) on the progress of the implementation of the Challenge & Intervention Framework for Schools in Financial Difficulty (SIFD) process.

8 TREASURY MANAGEMENT (TM) (Pages 125 - 158)

To consider a report by the Head of Finance and Property (copy enclosed) on

1. Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2021/22 and Prudential indicators 2021/22 to 2023/24 (Appendix1) and;
2. Treasury Management (TM) Update Report 2020/21 (Appendix2).

9 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT - IMPROVEMENT UPDATE (Pages 159 - 166)

To receive an update on the progress in implementing the improvement plan contained within the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 (copy enclosed).

10 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AUDIT - REVISED ACTION PLAN (Pages 167 - 178)

To receive the updated action plan to the 'Contract Management' Internal Audit report (copy enclosed).

11 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 179 - 182)

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

12 INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE (Pages 183 - 234)

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

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 "13" of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act) would be disclosed.

13 ANNUAL REPORT - WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY (Pages 235 - 260)

To receive a report (copy attached) about the operation of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy since the last annual report.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Mabon ap Gwynfor
Tony Flynn
Martyn Holland

Alan James
Barry Mellor
Joe Welch

Lay Member

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