

To: Members of the Governance and
Audit Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE** to be held at **9.30 am** on **WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023** in **COUNTY CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Monitoring Officer

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 - 20)

To receive the minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting held on 26 July 2023 (copy enclosed).

5 APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22 (Pages 21 - 210)

To receive a report by the Head of Finance and Property on the approval of the Statement of Accounts and ensure that it complies with approved accounting standards (copy enclosed).

6 UPDATE ON DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 (Pages 211 - 338)

To receive a report by the Head of Finance and Property, updating members on the progress of the draft Statement of Accounts 2022/23 and the process underpinning it (copy enclosed).

7 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 339 - 366)

To receive a draft report by the Corporate Director: Governance and Business on the work of the Governance and Audit Committee for the municipal years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 to be presented to County Council (Copy enclosed).

8 PANEL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 367 - 398)

To receive a report by the Strategic Planning and Performance Team Leader (copy attached) seeking recommendations from Governance and Audit committee to County Council on the necessary changes to the Constitution, accommodating new arrangements for the Panel Performance Assessment required under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

9 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 399 - 406)

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

10 ANNUAL WHISTLEBLOWING REPORT (Pages 407 - 430)

To receive a report by the Corporate Director: Governance and Business on the operation of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy since the last annual report (Copy attached).

FOR INFORMATION

11 AUDIT WALES REPORT - ASSURANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW - DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (Pages 431 - 438)

To receive for information, the Audit Wales report titled - Assurance and Risk Assessment Review – Denbighshire County Council (copy attached).

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 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed.

12 JOINT INSPECTION OF CHILD PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS FEB 2023 (Pages 439 - 500)

To receive a confidential report by the Head of Education (copy attached) on the recent Joint Inspection of Child Protection in Denbighshire conducted by Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS), Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW), and Estyn.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Ellie Chard
Justine Evans
Carol Holliday

Arwel Roberts
Andrea Tomlin
Mark Young

Lay Member

Nigel Rudd
David Stewart

Paul Whitham

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