

To: Members of the Democratic
Services Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE** to be held at **10.00 am** on **MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2023** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

Yours sincerely

G Williams
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Pages 3 - 4)

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 - 16)

To receive the minutes of the Democratic Services Committee held on 24 March 2023 and the special meeting held on 9 June 2023 (copies attached).

5 APPROVAL OF DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION PRIOR TO RATIFICATION (Pages 17 - 60)

To consider a report by the Public Engagement Officer, Jo Sutton (copy attached) about the progress of the Council's Community Engagement Policy, and the Council's Public Participation Strategy.

6 MEASURES TO TACKLE INTIMIDATION AGAINST MEMBERS (Pages 61 - 70)

To consider a report by the Legal Services Manager, Lisa Jones, and the Democratic Services Manager, Steve Price (copy attached) about the measures the council has put in place to support members.

7 A REVIEW INTO "HOW MEETINGS ARE HELD" (Pages 71 - 82)

To consider a report by the Democratic Services Manager, Steve Price (copy attached), about the Council's arrangements for holding its member-level meetings.

8 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES FOR 2024-2025 (Pages 83 - 134)

To consider a report by the Democratic Services Manager, Steve Price (copy attached) to consult on the proposals set out in the draft report.

9 SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE (Pages 135 - 138)

To consider a report by the Democratic Services Manager, Steve Price (copy attached) about the new Rules that set out the process for an election carried out using the Single Transferable Vote from 2027.

10 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 139 - 144)

To consider a report by the Democratic Services Manager, Steve Price (copy attached) on the Committee's forward work programme and associated issues.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Michelle Blakeley-Walker
Ellie Chard
Karen Edwards
Hugh Evans
Justine Evans

Martyn Hogg
Brian Jones
Delyth Jones
Cheryl Williams
Elfed Williams

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