

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, 22 JANUARY 2025** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

Yours sincerely

G Williams
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

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 - 18)

To receive the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 20 November 2024 (copy enclosed).

5 INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE (Pages 19 - 62)

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

6 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 63 - 108)

To receive the Treasury Management Strategy report by Head of Service Finance and Audit (copy enclosed) for the Governance and Audit committee to approve the annual Treasury Management Strategy for 2025/2026 and the quarterly update for 2024/25.

7 UPDATE ON 2025/26 REVENUE BUDGET SETTING (Pages 109 - 118)

To receive a report by the Head of Service for Finance and Audit Updating Governance and Audit Committee (copy enclosed) on the Welsh Government's (WG) Provisional Funding Settlement for Local Government 2025/26 and its implications for setting a balanced budget for 2025/26.

8 PEER PANEL ASSESSMENT (Pages 119 - 148)

To receive a report by Head of Corporate Support Service: Performance, Digital and Assets (copy enclosed) to allow the committee input into draft Management Response to the Panel Performance Assessment.

9 ESTYN - FORMAL OUTCOME LETTER TO LOCAL AUTHORITY (Pages 149 - 156)

To receive a report by the Head of Education (copy enclosed) providing information to the committee on the process followed and the outcome of the Estyn Local Authority Visit October 2024.

10 FOR INFORMATION - ANNUAL REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS (RIPA) REPORT (Pages 157 - 196)

To receive a report for information by the Corporate Director: Governance and Business (copy enclosed) regarding the Annual Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA).

11 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 197 - 204)

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

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Ellie Chard
James Elson
Bobby Feeley
Carol Holliday
Arwel Roberts

Nigel Rudd
David Stewart
Paul Whitham
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