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| <b>Report to</b>             | Governance and Audit Committee                             |
| <b>Date of meeting</b>       | 24 April 2024  |
| <b>Lead Member / Officer</b> | Gary Williams, Corporate Director: Governance and Business |
| <b>Report author</b>         | Gary Williams, Corporate Director: Governance and Business |
| <b>Title</b>                 | Governance and Audit Committee Terms of Reference          |

## **1. What is the report about?**

1.1. The report is about draft amended terms of reference for the Governance and Audit Committee (the Committee).

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1. To seek the Committee's recommendation of the adoption of amended terms of reference for the Committee.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

3.1. That the Committee considers the draft Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 1 to this report and recommends their adoption to Council.

## **4. Report details**

4.1. The terms of reference of the Committee have been reviewed, at the request of the Committee, in order that they are updated in accordance with CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) guidance.

4.2. In conducting the review of the terms of reference regard has been had to suggested terms of reference published by CIPFA, the terms of reference of

neighbouring local authorities and statutory guidance issued by Welsh Government.

4.3. The proposed Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 1 have been drafted in consultation with the s151 Officer, Chief Internal Auditor and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

4.4. The proposed Terms of Reference contain all of the statutory functions of the Committee set out in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, as amended.

4.5. The Committee is asked to consider the draft Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 1 and recommend, subject to any amendments suggested and approved by the Committee, their adoption to Council.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

5.1. The work of the Committee contributes to the Corporate Plan theme 'A well run, high performing Council'. Fit for purpose terms of reference will help the Committee to discharge its statutory role in respect of the governance of the Council. Effective corporate governance is essential for any well run, high performing Council.

## **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

6.1. There are no direct costs associated with this report.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

7.1. An assessment is not required for this report.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

8.1. The report author has consulted with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, the s151 Officer and the Chief Internal Auditor.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. I am supportive of the draft Terms of Reference.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1. There are no risks associated with this decision.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. s81 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, as amended.