

County Hall Rhadyr Usk NP15 1GA

Wednesday, 5 October 2022

Notice of Meeting

Governance and Audit Committee

Thursday, 13th October, 2022 at 2.00 pm, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA

(A 30 min pre-meeting will be held at 1.30pm for Committee Members and Auditors)

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Paul Matthews Chief Executive

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Andrew Blackmore Lay Member (Chair)

Colin Prosser Lay Member Martin Veale Lay Member

County Councillor Ian Chandler Llantilio Crossenny; Green Party

County Councillor John Crook Magor East with Undy; Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru County Councillor Tony Easson Dewstow; Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru County Councillor Malcolm Lane Welsh Conservative Party Mardy; County Councillor Phil Murphy Caerwent: Welsh Conservative Party County Councillor Peter Strong Rogiet; Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru County Councillor Laura Wright Grofield: Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru

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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help — building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.