



To: Chair and Members of
Standards Committee

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Dear Member of the Committee,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** to be held at **10.00 am** on **FRIDAY, 13 JULY 2012** in **CONFERENCE ROOM, TY NANT, PRESTATYN.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

PART 1: THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

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 OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 6th March 2012 (copy enclosed).

5 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

To note the attendance by members of the Standards Committee at County, Town and Community Council and to receive their reports.

6 NORTH WALES STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive a verbal report on recent developments discussed at the last meeting of the North Wales Standards Committee.

7 MEMBER REMUNERATION (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider a report (copy enclosed) advising the Committee of the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, and how they will impact upon Independent Members of Standards Committee.

8 ST ASAPH CITY COUNCIL DISPENSATION (Pages 13 - 18)

To receive a report (copy enclosed) which explains the considerations that apply in determining whether to grant dispensation to members of St Asaph City Council.

9 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive a verbal report on the arrangements for appointing a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee.

10 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES'S ANNUAL REPORT
(Pages 19 - 22)

To consider a confidential report (copy enclosed) which gives the Committee an overview of the findings from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales's Annual Report for 2011/12 entitled 'Improving Access: Delivering Improvement'.

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 paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act) would be disclosed.

11 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS (Pages 23 - 24)

To receive a confidential report (copy enclosed) which gives an overview of the complaints submitted to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales relating to the authority.

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Members:

Mr Clive B Halliday (Chair), Ms Margaret Medley, Mrs Paula White and Mr Geraint F Roberts

Town/Community Council Member

Councillor David E Jones

County Councillors

Councillor Bill Cowie

Councillor Colin Hughes

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