

To:	Chair and Members of Standards Committee	Date:	14 February 2013
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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**, **22 FEBRUARY 2013** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A**, **COUNTY HALL**, **RUTHIN**.

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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013 (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 TRAINING FOR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS (Pages 11 - 14)

To receive an information report (copy enclosed) which provides Members of the Committee with details of the training session arranged for Town and Community Councils in chairing skills, scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

#### 7 MINISTERIAL LETTER REGARDING THE ETHICAL FRAMEWORK (Pages 15 - 18)

To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) which presents to the Committee the Ministerial Letter regarding the Ethical Framework.

#### 8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10:00am on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at Conference Room 1, Ty Nant, Prestatyn.

# 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.

# 9 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 19 - 20)

To consider a confidential report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) providing an overview of complaints against members lodged with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Independent Members: Rev Wayne Roberts, Mr Ian Trigger (Chair), Ms Margaret Medley and Mrs Paula White

Town/Community Council Member Councillor David E Jones

County Councillors Councillor Bill Cowie Councillor Colin Hughes

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