



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, 7 JUNE 2013** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1B, 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 the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2013 (copy enclosed).

### **5 CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS TRAINING** (Pages 11 - 12)

To receive a report (copy enclosed) from the Deputy Monitoring Officer which provides details of a recent training event for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Town and Community Councils.

### **6 UPDATE FROM STANDARDS CONFERENCE WALES** (Pages 13 - 162)

To receive a report (copy enclosed) from the Monitoring Officer which provides information and feedback on the Standards Conference 2013.

### **7 NORTH WALES STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORUM** (Pages 163 - 164)

To receive a report (copy enclosed) from the Monitoring Officer which provides feedback from the meeting of the North Wales Standards Committees Forum held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

### **8 SOCIAL MEDIA PROTOCOL** (Pages 165 - 196)

To receive a report (copy enclosed) from the Monitoring Officer which sought the Committee's views as to the most appropriate method of providing guidance to Elected Members in respect of their use of social media.

### **9 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

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

### **10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To inform Members that the next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 in Conference Room 1b, County Hall, Ruthin.

## **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 - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000** (Pages 197 - 588)

To consider a confidential report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) in respect of the findings of an investigation conducted by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales into an allegation that a Councillor failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Code of Conduct of Denbighshire County Council.

**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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