



To: Members of Standards Committee      Date: 17 October 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, 25 OCTOBER 2013** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1B, COUNTY HALL, WYNNSTAY ROAD, RUTHIN LL15 1YN.**

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 CONSIDERATION OF REPRESENTATIONS AND FINAL DETERMINATION OF A REPORT PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES UNDER SECTION 71(2)(C) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (REF 2871/201002627) (Pages 5 - 16)**

To consider the findings of the Ombudsman's Investigation Report (previously circulated) regarding an allegation of non-compliance with the Council's Code of Conduct together with representations received from the former Councillor subject of the allegation, and to make a final determination on the matter.

**5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 17 - 26)**

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 7 June 2013 (copy enclosed).

**6 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES' ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13 (Pages 27 - 98)**

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) informing members of the Annual Report of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales for the year 2012/13.

**7 CAP ON MEMBER INDEMNITIES FOR CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS (Pages 99 - 104)**

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) seeking a recommendation to Council that the indemnities available to members involved in Code of Conduct hearings be capped at a maximum figure of £20,000.

**8 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

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

**9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10.00 a.m. on Friday 22 November 2013 in Conference Room 1B, County Hall, Ruthin.

**PART 2: CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

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

**10 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 105 - 106)**

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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