

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, 23 JANUARY 2015** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, WYNNSTAY ROAD, RUTHIN LL15 1YN.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

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 18th July, 2014 (copy enclosed).

5 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider the Standards Committee Forward Work Programme (copy enclosed).

6 CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 13 - 16)

To consider a report by the Deputy Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) which enabled the Committee to have sight and contribute to the Chair's Annual Report, in advance of the item being presented to the full Council.

7 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - PUBLIC INTEREST TEST (Pages 17 - 24)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) on a proposal by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' to introduce a new Public Interest Test when considering whether or not to investigate allegations that an Elected Member has breached the Code of Conduct.

8 NORTH WALES STANDARDS COMMITTEES FORUM (Pages 25 - 34)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) on the meeting of the North Wales Standards Committees Forum on 26th November, 2014.

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

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for the 6th March, 2015.

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 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.

11 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 35 - 36)

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) and Mrs Paula White

Town/Community Council Member

Councillor David E Jones

County Councillors

Councillor Bill Cowie

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