

To: Members of Standards Committee Date: 14 May 2015
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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 MAY 2015** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, 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 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To appoint a Vice Chair of the Standards Committee.

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

4 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.

5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 6 March 2015 (copy attached).

6 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 12)

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

7 CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

To consider a verbal report by the Deputy Monitoring Officer with feedback from Annual Council regarding the Chairman's Annual Report.

8 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDANCE (Pages 13 - 106)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) to enable Members of Committee to discuss and note the contents of the revised guidance documents and agree the method of dissemination to elected members.

9 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND HOSPITALITY (Pages 107 - 116)

To consider a report by the Democratic Services Manager (copy attached) for the Committee to discuss the processes and outcomes being achieved in respect of compliance with mandatory obligations for declaring interests, hospitality and gifts offered to Members and Officers.

10 FEEDBACK FROM CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR CLERKS OF THE CITY, TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

To consider a verbal report by the Monitoring Officer, providing feedback from the Code of Conduct training which took place on 19 May 2015 in County Hall, Ruthin.

11 TRAINING FOR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF CITY, TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS (Pages 117 - 120)

To consider a report by the Deputy Monitoring Officer (copy attached) to provide Members with an information report showing details of proposed training for Chairs and Vice Chairs.

12 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

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

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10.00 a.m. on the 18 September, 2015, in Conference Room 1a, 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 paragraph “[Insert Number]” of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed.

14 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 121 - 122)

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:

Mr Ian Trigger (Chair), Mrs Paula White, Mrs Julia Hughes and Mrs Anne Mellor

Town/Community Council Member

Councillor David E Jones

County Councillors

Councillor Bill Cowie

Councillor Barry Mellor

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