

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, 10 MARCH 2017** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams  
Head of Legal, HR 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 (Pages 5 - 6)**

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 7 - 14)**

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 2 December 2016 (copy enclosed).

#### **5 ACCESSIBILITY OF INFORMATION FROM CITY, TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS - ANNUAL REVIEW**

To receive a verbal report from Julia Hughes (Independent Member).

**6 PREPARATION OF CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL**  
(Pages 15 - 22)

To consider a report by the deputy Monitoring Officer (Copy enclosed) presenting the Chair's Annual Report for consideration prior to submission to full Council.

**7 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK** (Pages 23 - 34)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) informing members of the most recent edition of the Ombudsman's Code of Conduct Casebook.

**8 TRAINING - WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INDUCTION MATERIALS** (Pages 35 - 84)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) informing members of the induction materials that have been produced by the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) for training new and returning members after the Local Government Elections in May 2017.

**9 LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR CITY/TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

To receive a verbal report by the Monitoring Officer

**10 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S SELF-REGULATORY PROTOCOL**

To receive a verbal report by the Monitoring Officer.

**11 WHITE PAPER- REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESILIENT AND RENEWED**

To receive a verbal report by the Monitoring Officer.

**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 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 85 - 86)

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

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 30 June 2017 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 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act) would be disclosed.

### **15 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 87 - 88)**

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, Julia Hughes and Anne Mellor

Town/Community Council Member

Councillor David E Jones

County Councillors

Councillor Barry Mellor

Councillor Meirick Lloyd Davies

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