

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, 30 JUNE 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

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 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 10 March 2017 (copy enclosed).

# 5 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 15 - 16)

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

# 6 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK (Pages 17 - 32)

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.

# 7 BODELWYDDAN TOWN COUNCIL DISPENSATION REQUEST (Pages 33 - 40)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) regarding an application for a dispensation made by members of Bodelwyddan Town Council.

#### 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 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.

#### 10 UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

To receive a verbal report on upcoming training events for Members.

## 11 NORTH WALES STANDARD COMMITTEE FORUM

To receive a verbal report from the Monitoring Officer of the matters discussed at the meeting of the North Wales Standards Committee Forum.

### 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 22 September 2017.

#### **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.

# 13 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 41 - 42)

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 Paul Penlington
Councillor Andrew Thomas

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