

To: Chair and Members of Standards
Committee

Date: 17 September 2018

Direct Dial: 01824 712624

e-mail: democratic@denbighshire.gov.uk

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, 21 SEPTEMBER 2018** 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 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 10 July 2018 (copy enclosed).

5 APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION BY MEMBERS OF LLANBEDR DYFFRYN CLWYD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (Pages 11 - 26)

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

6 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK (Pages 27 - 38)

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 GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS (Pages 39 - 46)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) about the granting of dispensations by this Committee and the Guidance that it is proposed to give to Town, City and Community Councils as well as elected members of the County Council in respect of the process by which they may apply for a dispensation.

8 ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES - SANCTIONS GUIDANCE (Pages 47 - 72)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) about the sanctions guidance issued by the Adjudication Panel for Wales for use when a Councillor has been found to have breached the Members' Code of Conduct by a Case Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal.

9 FEEDBACK FROM STANDARDS CONFERENCE

To consider a verbal report by the Chair.

10 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

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

11 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 73 - 74)

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

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10am on the 30th November 2018 in 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 of business because it is likely that exempt information (as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act) would be disclosed.

13 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 75 - 80)

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), Julia Hughes, Anne Mellor, Peter Lamb and Gordon Hughes

Town/Community Council Member

County Councillors

Councillor Paul Penlington

Councillor Andrew Thomas

COPIES TO:

All Councillors for information

Press and Libraries

Town and Community Councils