

To: Members of Standards Committee Date: 23 November 2018
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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 NOVEMBER 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 (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 - 12)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 21 September 2018 (copy enclosed).

5 A REVIEW OF ATTENDANCES AT TOWN, CITY AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

To receive a verbal report by Lisa Jones, Legal Services Manager on attendances at Town, City and Community Councils.

6 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2017/18 (Pages 13 - 146)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) on the 2017/18 Annual Report and Accounts of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

7 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

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

8 HEARING PROCEDURES (Pages 147 - 160)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) about the procedure adopted by the Council for the conduct of hearings by the Standards Committee of allegations of a breach of the Code of Conduct.

9 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 161 - 162)

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

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10.00 a.m. on the 15 March 2019 in Conference Room 1B, 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.

11 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 163 - 168)

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

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