

To: Members of Standards Committee Date: 2 July 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 **TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2018** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, WYNNSTAY ROAD, RUTHIN LL15 1YN.**

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 03 April 2018 (copy attached).

**5 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK** (Pages 11 - 24)

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

**6 CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017** (Pages 25 - 32)

To consider a report by the Deputy Monitoring Officer (copy attached) prior to report being presented to Full Council.

**7 GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA** (Pages 33 - 76)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) to inform the Committee of the draft guidance.

**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 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 77 - 78)

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 21 September 2018 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, 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 items(s) 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.

**11 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000** (Pages 79 - 82)

To consider a confidential report by the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) 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, and Peter Lamb

### **Town/Community Council Member**

Gordon Hughes

### **County Councillors**

Councillor Paul Penlington

Councillor Andrew Thomas

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