

To: Members of Standards Committee Date: 4 April 2019
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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, 12 APRIL 2019** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, RUSSELL HOUSE, CHURTON ROAD, RHYL LL18 3DP**.

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 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (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 30 November 2018 (copy attached).

To receive the minutes of the Special Standards Committee meeting held on 24 January 2019 (copy attached).

5 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK (Pages 15 - 38)

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 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE (Pages 39 - 152)

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

7 COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

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

8 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 153 - 154)

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

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 7 June 2019 at 10.00 a.m. 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 paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act) would be disclosed.

10 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 155 - 162)

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 and discuss arrangements for a future Hearing.

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Members:

Mr Ian Trigger (Chair), Julia Hughes, Anne Mellor, Peter Lamb and Gordon Hughes

Town/Community Council Member:

Gordon Hughes

County Councillors:

Councillor Paul Penlington

Councillor Andrew Thomas

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