

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, 4 DECEMBER 2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD AT ITS USUAL LOCATION. THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

AGENDA

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 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 4 September 2020 (copy enclosed).

5 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

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

6 SPECIAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE HEARING - LESSONS LEARNED

To receive a verbal report by the Monitoring Officer on the lessons learned following the Special Standards Committee Hearing.

7 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive a verbal report by the Monitoring Officer on the annual report of the standards committee.

8 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 12)

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 5th March 2021.

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.

10 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 13 - 18)

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.

11 INVESTIGATION REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES

To consider a confidential report under the Standards Committees Wales Regulations 2001 by the Monitoring Officer (copy not attached) regarding an investigation by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Members:

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

Town/Community Council Member
Gordon Hughes

County Councillors
Councillor Paul Penlington

Councillor Andrew Thomas

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