

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, 5 MARCH 2021** via video conference.

Yours sincerely

G. Williams  
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

**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.**

## 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 December 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 DRAFT REVISED GUIDANCE ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT (Pages 11 - 152)**

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) informing members about a consultation being conducted by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, (the Ombudsman) about new draft guidance for elected members on the Code of Conduct.

**7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021 (Pages 153 - 156)**

To receive a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) about the provisions contained within the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, (the Act) insofar as they relate to the functions of the Committee

**8 STANDARDS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 157 - 162)**

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) about the Committee's terms of reference.

**9 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Pages 163 - 166)**

To receive the draft annual report of the Standards Committee by the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed).

**10 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 167 - 168)**

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

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 11 June 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

## **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.

### **12 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 169 - 174)**

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 (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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