

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, 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

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 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 5 March 2021 (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 PROTOCOL ON MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS (Pages 15 - 24)

To receive a report by the Monitoring Officer on the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations (the Protocol) that forms part of the Council's Constitution (copy attached).

7 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK (Pages 25 - 38)

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

8 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 39 - 40)

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 3 December 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.

10 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 41 - 54)

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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