

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 MARCH 2022** 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 - 12)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 3 December 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 ETHICS AND STANDARDS TRAINING (Pages 13 - 42)

To receive a report by the Monitoring Officer regarding about the arrangements that will be made for the training of new and returning members after the Local Government Elections in May 2022 (the Elections) in respect of the Code of Conduct (copy enclosed).

7 STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2022 (Pages 43 - 46)

To receive a report by the Monitoring Officer informing the committee on the content Standards Conference held on 9th February 2022 (copy enclosed).

8 PROCESS FOR RECRUITING INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Pages 47 - 50)

To receive a report by the Monitoring Officer regarding the process for recruiting independent members of Standards Committees (copy enclosed).

9 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 51 - 54)

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 the 17th June.

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.

11 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 55 - 66)

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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