

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, 22 JULY 2022** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY 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 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

#### **4 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

#### **5 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.

#### **6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 7 - 12)**

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (copy enclosed).

**7 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - 'OUR FINDINGS'**

(Pages 13 - 16)

To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer (copy enclosed) on the published 'Our Findings' page on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales website.

**8 ETHICS AND STANDARDS TRAINING** (Pages 17 - 110)

To consider a report by the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) regarding the materials being used in the training of elected members of relevant authorities following the local government elections in May 2022.

**9 WELSH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE - DUTY OF GROUP LEADERS TO PROMOTE ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR** (Pages 111 - 114)

To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) on the draft Welsh Government guidance and to seek their views on proposals to support group leaders in the discharge of this duty.

**10 NATIONAL STANDARDS FORUM** (Pages 115 - 118)

To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) on the creation of a National Standards Forum and notes the progress made thus far.

**11 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

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

**12 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

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

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for the 16 September 2022.

**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.

**14 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000** (Pages 119 - 126)

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:

Julia Hughes, Anne Mellor and Peter Lamb

Town/Community Council Member

Gordon Hughes

County Councillors

Councillor Bobby Feeley

Councillor Hugh Irving

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