

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 **THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 2023** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A SHORT TRAINING SESSION FOR ALL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Monitoring Officer

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 - 16)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 22 December 2022 (copy enclosed).

5 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - 'OUR FINDINGS'
(Pages 17 - 26)

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

6 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

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

7 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

To consider any dispensation requests received from Town/City/Community Councils or at county level.

8 STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 27 - 34)

To consider a report by the Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy enclosed) seeking the Committee's views on the Standards Committee Annual Report, prior to its presentation to full Council.

9 NATIONAL STANDARDS FORUM UPDATE (Pages 35 - 40)

To receive a verbal update from the Chair following attendance at the National Standards Forum on 27 January 2023 (notes attached).

10 WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE PENN REVIEW
(Pages 41 - 96)

To receive a report (copy enclosed) and presentation from the Monitoring Officer in respect of a consultation paper on the review of the Ethical Framework.

11 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 97 - 98)

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

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10.00 am on Friday 16 June 2023.

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 paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed.

13 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 99 - 104)

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 (Chair), Anne Mellor (Vice-Chair), Peter Lamb and Samuel Jones

Town/Community Council Member

Councillor Gordon Hughes

County Councillors

Councillor Bobby Feeley

Councillor Hugh Irving

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