

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, 8 SEPTEMBER 2023** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A SHORT TRAINING SESSION FOR ALL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT 9.15 AM IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO 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 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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 5 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 16 June 2023 (copy enclosed).

**5 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - 'OUR FINDINGS'**  
(Pages 15 - 18)

To consider a report by the Trainee Solicitor (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 NATIONAL STANDARDS FORUM**

To receive a verbal update regarding the National Standards Forum.

**9 GROUP LEADERS DUTY - STATUTORY AND NON STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR PRINCIPAL COUNCILS IN WALES** (Pages 19 - 180)

To receive a verbal update on Group Leaders Duty and next steps and Statutory and Non Statutory Guidance for Principal Councils in Wales.

**10 CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE**

To receive update on the Corporate Joint Committee (Standards Committee representatives).

**11 CHAIR'S TRAINING EVENT**

To receive a verbal update on the Chair's Training Event.

**12 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 181 - 184)

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 10.00 a.m. on 8 December 2023 via zoom and in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Ruthin.

## **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.

### **14 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000** (Pages 185 - 196)

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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