

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, 13 SEPTEMBER 2024** 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 (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 from the Standards Committee meeting held on the 26 July 2024 (copy attached).

5 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - 'OUR FINDINGS'
(Pages 15 - 22)

To consider a report by trainee Solicitor Elinor Cartwright (copy attached) 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 and Community Councils or at County level.

8 TERMS OF OFFICE OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Pages 23 - 26)

To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer, Gary Williams on the Terms of Office of Standards Committee Members (copy attached).

9 GROUP LEADERS REPORTS

To receive an update from the Monitoring Officer, Gary Williams on the Group Leaders Reports.

10 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING - OVERVIEW OF DELIVERY FOR COUNTY AND TOWN, CITY AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS (Pages 27 - 32)

To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer, Gary Williams on Code of Conduct Training – Overview of Delivery for County and Town, City and Community Councils (copy attached).

11 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 33 - 38)

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 10.00am 6 December 2024.

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 39 - 48)

To consider a confidential report by the Monitoring Officer (copy attached) 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 Jon Harland

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