

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 DECEMBER 2024** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

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 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 13 September 2024 (copy enclosed).

5 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - 'OUR FINDINGS' (Pages 15 - 32)

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 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF DISPENSATION BY MEMBERS OF LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL (Pages 33 - 40)

To consider a report (copy attached) on the application for grant of dispensation from members of Llandyrnog Community Council from the Monitoring Officer.

8 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF DISPENSATION BY MEMBERS OF GWYDDELWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (Pages 41 - 50)

To consider a report (copy attached) on the application for grant of dispensation from Gwyddelwern Community Council from the Monitoring Officer.

9 POLITICAL GROUP LEADER'S ANNUAL REPORTS (Pages 51 - 66)

To receive the Group Leaders Annual reports (copies attached) from the Monitoring Officer.

10 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURES (Pages 67 - 70)

To receive a report (copy attached) on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales - Local Resolution Procedures from the Monitoring Officer.

11 DRAFT ANNUAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT (Pages 71 - 72)

To receive the Draft Annual Standards Committee report (copy attached) from the Monitoring Officer.

12 RECRUITMENT OF NEW INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive a verbal update on the recruitment of New Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

13 STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 73 - 78)

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

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 7 March 2025 at 10am.

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.

15 CODE OF CONDUCT - PART 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (Pages 79 - 90)

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 Jon Harland

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