



At: Cadeirydd ac Aelodau'r Pwyllgor
Safonau

Dyddiad: 9 Rhagfyr 2024

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Annwyl Aelod o'r Pwyllgor,

Fe'ch gwahoddir i fynychu cyfarfod y **PWYLLGOR SAFONAU, DYDD GWENER, 13 RHAGFYR 2024** am **10.00 am** yn **SIAMBR Y CYNGOR, NEUADD Y SIR, RHUTHUN A THRWY GYNHADLEDD FIDEO**.

Yn gywir iawn

G Williams
Swyddog Monitro

AGENDA

RHAN 1: GWAHODDIR Y WASG A'R CYHOEDD I FOD YN BRESENNOL YN Y RHAN HON O'R CYFARFOD

1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

2 DATGAN CYSYLLTIAD (Tudalennau 5 - 6)

Yr Aelodau i ddatgan unrhyw gysylltiad personol neu gysylltiad sy'n rhagfarnu ag unrhyw fater a nodwyd i'w ystyried yn y cyfarfod hwn.

3 MATERION BRYG FEL Y'U CYTUNWYD GAN Y CADEIRYDD

Hysbysiad o eitemau y dylid, ym marn y Cadeirydd, eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel materion bryg yn unol ag Adran 100B(4) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

4 COFNODION Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF (Tudalennau 7 - 14)

Derbyn cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Safonau a gynhaliwyd ar 13 Medi 2024 (copi ynghlwm).

5 OMBWDSMON GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS CYMRU – 'EIN CANFYDDIADAU' (Tudalennau 15 - 32)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Cyfreithiwr dan Hyfforddiant (copi yn amgaaedig) ar dudalen 'Ein Canfyddiadau' a gyhoeddwyd ar wefan Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru.

6 PRESENOLDEB MEWN CYFARFODYDD

Nodi presenoldeb aelodau'r Pwyllgor Safonau yng nghyfarfodydd Cynghorau Sir, Tref a Chymuned a derbyn eu hadroddiadau.

**7 CAIS AM OLLYNGIAD GAN AELODAU CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANDYRNOG** (Tudalennau 33 - 40)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Swyddog Monitro (copi wedi'i amgáu) ynglŷn â chais am ollyngiad a wnaed gan aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Llandyrnog.

**8 CAIS AM OLLYNGIAD GAN AELODAU CYNGOR CYMUNED
GWYDDELWERN** (Tudalennau 41 - 50)

Ystyried adroddiad gan y Swyddog Monitro (copi wedi'i amgáu) ynglŷn â chais am ollyngiad a wnaed gan aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Gwyddelwern.

9 ADRODDIADAU BLYNYDDOL ARWEINWYR GRWPIAU GWLEIDYDDOL
(Tudalennau 51 - 66)

Cael Adroddiadau Blynyddol Arweinwyr Grwpiau (copïau wedi'u hamgáu) gan y Swyddog Monitro.

**10 OMBWDSMON GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS CYMRU -
GWEITHDREFNAU DATRYS LLEOL** (Tudalennau 67 - 70)

Cael adroddiad gan y Swyddog Monitro (copi wedi'i amgáu) am Weithdrefn Ddatrys Leol Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru.

11 ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL DRAFFT Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU
(Tudalennau 71 - 72)

Cael Adroddiad Blynyddol y Pwyllgor Safonau gan y Swyddog Monitro (copi yn amgaaedig).

**12 RECRIWTIO AELODAU ANNIBYNNOL NEWYDD I'R PWYLLGOR
SAFONAU**

Cael diweddariad ar lafar am Recriwtio Aelodau Annibynnol Newydd i'r Pwyllgor Safonau.

13 RHAGLEN WAITH Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU (Tudalennau 73 - 78)

Ystyried Rhaglen Waith y Pwyllgor Safonau (copi yn amgaaedig).

14 DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD NESAF

Trefnwyd cyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Safonau ar gyfer 7 Mawrth 2025 am 10am.

RHAN 2: EITEMAU CYFRINACHOL

Argymhellir, yn unol ag Adran 100A (4) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972, bod y Wasg a'r Cyhoedd yn cael eu gwahardd o'r cyfarfod tra bydd yr eitem(au) canlynol yn cael eu hystyried oherwydd ei bod yn debygol y bydd gwybodaeth eithriedig yn cael ei datgelu fel y'i diffinnir ym mharagraffau 12 ac 13, Rhan 4, Atodlen 12A y Ddeddf.

15 COD YMDDYGIAD - RHAN 3 DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 2000

(Tudalennau 79 - 90)

Ystyried adroddiad cyfrinachol gan y Swyddog Monitro (copi yn amgaaedig) sy'n rhoi trosolwg o gwynion a wnaed yn erbyn aelodau, a gyflwynwyd i Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru.

AEOLODAETH

Aelodau Annibynnol:

Julia Hughes (Cadeirydd), Anne Mellor (Is-Gadeirydd), Peter Lamb a/ac Samuel Jones

Aelod Cyngor Tref / Cymuned
Councillor Gordon Hughes

Cynghorwyr Sir
Y Cynghorydd Bobby Feeley
Y Cynghorydd Jon Harland

COPIAU I'R:

Holl Gynghorwyr er gwybodaeth
Y Wasg a'r Llyfrgelloedd
Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 2000

Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau

DATGELU A CHOFRESTRU BUDDIANNAU

Rwyf i,
(enw)

*Aelod /Aelod cyfetholedig o
(*dileuer un)

Cyngor Sir Ddinbych

YN CADARNHAU fy mod wedi datgan buddiant ***personol / personol a sy'n rhagfarnu** nas datgelwyd eisoes yn ôl darpariaeth Rhan III cod ymddygiad y Cyngor Sir i Aelodau am y canlynol:-
(*dileuer un)

Dyddiad Datgelu:

Pwyllgor (nodwch):

Agenda eitem

Pwnc:

Natur y Buddiant:

(Gweler y nodyn isod)*

Llofnod

Dyddiad

Noder: Rhowch ddigon o fanylion os gwelwch yn dda, e.e. 'Fi yw perchennog y tir sy'n gyfagos i'r cais ar gyfer caniatâd cynllunio a wnaed gan Mr Jones', neu 'Mae fy ngŵr / ngwraig yn un o weithwyr y cwmni sydd wedi gwneud cais am gymorth ariannol'.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

Cofnodion cyfarfod o'r Pwyllgor Safonau a gynhaliwyd yn Siambr y Cyngor, Neuadd y Sir, Rhuthun a thrwy gynhadledd fideo, Dydd Gwener, 13 Medi 2024 am 10.00 am.

YN BRESENNOL

Aelodau Annibynnol – Julia Hughes (Cadeirydd), Peter Lamb a Samuel Jones.

Cynrychiolydd Cyngor Cymuned Gordon Hughes

Y Cynghorwyr Sir, Bobby Feeley a Jon Harland

HEFYD YN BRESENNOL

Swyddog Monitro (GW), Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro (SH), Cyfreithwraig dan Hyfforddiant (EC), Gweinyddwr Zoom (SW) a Gweinyddwr Pwyllgorau (NH)

Ar ddechrau'r cyfarfod, cytunwyd ar newid i drefn y rhaglen. Eitem 9: Cynigiwyd ac eiliwyd bod Adroddiadau Arweinwyr Grwpiau yn cael ei symud i ddiwedd y cyfarfod dan ran 2.

1 YMDDIHEURIADAU

Cafwyd ymddiheuriadau oddi wrth yr aelod annibynnol Anne Mellor.

2 DATGAN CYSYLLTIAD

Datganodd yr Aelod Annibynnol Julia Hughes (Cadeirydd) gysylltiad personol ag Eitem Rhif 5 (Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru – “Ein Canfyddiadau”), gan ei bod yn aelod o Bwyllgor Safonau Cyngor Sir y Fflint.

3 MATERION BRYD FEL Y'U CYTUNWYD GAN Y CADEIRYDD

Ni chodwyd unrhyw eitemau bryd gyda'r Cadeirydd cyn dechrau'r cyfarfod.

4 COFNODION Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF

Cyflwynwyd cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Safonau a gynhaliwyd ar 26 Gorffennaf 2024.

Cywirdeb –

Tudalen 7 (eitem 2) – Dylai nodi bod yr Aelod Annibynnol, Julia Hughes (Cadeirydd) wedi datgan cysylltiad personol yn yr adroddiad ar Eitem 5 (Ombwdsman Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru – “Ein Canfyddiadau”) gan ei bod yn aelod o Bwyllgor Safonau Cyngor Sir y Fflint ac nid yn aelod o Banel Dyfarnu Cymru fel y nodir yn y cofnodion.

Tudalen 8 – (eitem 4) – Dylai ddarllen y byddai'r Swyddog Monitro yn adrodd yn ôl i'r Pwyllgor Safonau yn y cyfarfod nesaf ac nid y Pwyllgor Safonau fel y nodir yn y cofnodion.

Tudalen 9 – (eitem 5) – Dylai ddarllen 'gan fod y Cadeirydd yn aelod o Bwyllgor Safonau Cyngor Sir y Fflint' ac nid yn aelod o Banel Dyfarnu Cymru fel y nodir yn y cofnodion.

Tudalen 10 - (eitem 6) - Dylai ddarllen bod anawsterau o ran clywed Cynghorwyr oedd yn mynychu ar y we, fodd bynnag, roedd opsiwn i benderfynu ble i eistedd ac roedd cynnig hefyd i eistedd o amgylch y bwrdd cyfarfod.

Tudalen 11 – (eitem 6) - Dylai gynnwys bod y Swyddog Monitro yn anfon adborth ysgrifenedig i gyfarfodydd Pwyllgorau Dinas, Tref a Chymuned a fynychwyd gan aelodau'r Pwyllgor Safonau.

Tudalen 11 – (eitem 8) – Dylai ddatgan mai Llywydd newydd Panel Dyfarnu Cymru oedd Eleri Tudor.

Tudalen 11 – (eitem 8) – Dylai nodi y byddai un o'r chwe Swyddog Monitro Gogledd Cymru yn mynychu cyfarfod a'r adborth i Swyddogion Monitro eraill Gogledd Cymru

Tudalen 12 – (eitem 8) - Dylai ddarllen bod yr Ombwdsmon wedi codi cwestiynau am y gogwydd gwleidyddol nid bod yr Ombwdsmon yn awyddus i sefydlu dim rhagfarn wleidyddol fel y nodwyd yn y cofnodion.

Tudalen 12 – (eitem 8) – Dylai ddarllen 'Cytunodd y Swyddog Monitro i gylchredeg y cylch gorchwyl a chopi o'r Weithdrefn Datrys Leol'.

Tudalen 14 – Dylai diwedd y cyfarfod gan y Cadeirydd gynnwys diolch i'r cyfieithydd oedd yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod.

Materion yn codi –

Tudalen 8 – Moesau Cyfryngau Cymdeithasol yng ngweithdai'r Cyngor – Dywedodd y Swyddog Monitro bod y Rheolwr Gwasanaethau Democrataidd wedi bod yn gweithio ar amserlen Gweithdy'r Cyngor am y 12 mis nesaf ac y byddai cyfryngau cymdeithasol yn cael eu cynnwys.

Tudalen 9 – Papurau Cefndir – Dywedodd y Swyddog Monitro y cytunwyd y dylai unrhyw gyfeiriadau at bapurau cefndir gynnwys dolen yng nghorff yr adroddiad neu gellir ei atodi fel atodiad i'r adroddiad.

Tudalen 10 – Cyngorau i Aelodau Annibynnol am ymweld (ailosod dyraniad) – Dywedodd y Swyddog Monitro ei fod yn dal i aros am ymateb ar hyn ac y byddai'n rhoi ymateb i'r pwyllgor unwaith y byddai wedi ei dderbyn.

Tudalen 10 – Clercod newydd neu ddibrofiad Cyngorau Dinas, Tref a Chymuned – Dywedodd y Swyddog Monitro ei fod wedi gofyn i restr gael ei dosbarthu i'r holl aelodau ac y byddai'n dilyn hyn i fyny ar ôl y cyfarfod.

Tudalen 12 – Llythyr at Ddirprwy Swyddog Monitro blaenorol – Dywedodd y Swyddog Monitro wrth y Pwyllgor fod y llythyr wedi'i ddraffio a gofynnodd i'r Cadeirydd lofnodi'r llythyr yn dilyn y cyfarfod.

Tudalen 12 – (item 8) - Dosbarthu Cylch Gorchwyl Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru – Ymddiheurodd y Swyddog Monitro a dywedodd y byddai'n cael ei ddosbarthu.

Felly:

PENDERFYNWYD: yn amodol ar yr uchod, y dylid derbyn a chymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 26 Gorffennaf 2024 fel cofnod cywir

5 OMBWDSMON GWASANAETHAU CYHOEDDUS CYMRU - 'EIN CANFYDDIADAU'

Cyflwynodd y Gyfreithwraig dan Hyfforddiant, Elinor Cartwright, adroddiad Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru: Ein Canfyddiadau (a rannwyd ymlaen llaw).

Roedd yr adroddiad yn ymwneud â'r cyfnod rhwng 3 Awst a 24 Tachwedd 2023.

Nid oedd yr un o'r achosion yn yr adroddiad yn cyfeirio at Gynghorydd o fewn Cyngor Sir Ddinbych.

Roedd Aelodau'r Pwyllgor Safonau yn cofio bod yr Ombwdsmon yn arfer cyhoeddi 'Llyfr Achosion Cod Ymddygiad' (y Llyfr Achosion) yn chwarterol a oedd yn rhoi crynodeb byr o'r materion yr oedd yr Ombwdsmon wedi ymchwilio iddynt, a chanlyniadau'r ymchwiliadau hynny.

Ystyriwyd bod y Llyfr Achosion yn adnodd defnyddiol i roi gwybod i aelodau etholedig, y cyhoedd a Phwyllgorau Safonau am y mathau o gwynion a gaiff eu hymchwilio a chanlyniadau'r ymchwiliadau hynny.

Roedd yr Ombwdsmon bellach wedi rhoi'r gorau i gyhoeddi'r Llyfr Achosion ac yn lle hynny wedi creu adran 'Ein Canfyddiadau' ar ei gwefan.

Ni chyhoeddwyd unrhyw gwynion o fewn adran 'Ein Canfyddiadau' ar wefan yr Ombwdsmon yn ystod y cyfnod uchod.

Roedd yr adroddiad hefyd yn ymdrin â'r cyfnod pan oedd penderfyniadau wedi'u gwneud gan Banel Dyfarnu Cymru. Mae'r Panel yn mynd i'r afael â chyfeiriad gan yr Ombwdsmon ac apeliadau yn erbyn penderfyniadau'r Pwyllgor Safonau. Mae adran 'Penderfyniadau' gwefan y Panel yn cynnwys crynodeb o'r penderfyniadau a wnaed ers mis Ebrill 2024. Ers Ebrill 2024, fe wnaeth y Panel ddau benderfyniad mewn perthynas â chyfeiriadau gan yr Ombwdsmon, ac nid fu unrhyw gwynion yn erbyn penderfyniadau'r Pwyllgor Safonau.

Roedd Atodiad 1 yn cynnwys y detholiadau perthnasol o'r Dudalen Penderfyniadau. Nid oedd yr un o'r achosion yn cyfeirio at Gynghorydd o fewn Cyngor Sir Ddinbych.

Arweiniodd y Cyfreithiwr dan Hyfforddiant yr aelodau drwy'r ddau benderfyniad a godwyd gan yr Ombwdsmon gan egluro Penderfyniad y Tribiwnlys.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd iddi am yr adroddiad.

Diolchodd y Swyddog Monitro am yr adroddiad ac am gynnwys penderfyniadau Panel a oedd yn rhoi manylion pwysig i'r Pwyllgor.

Trafododd yr Aelodau sancsiwn a roddwyd i Gynghorydd gan Bwyllgor Safonau Cyngor cyfagos. Dywedodd yr Aelodau bod y sancsiwn a roddwyd yn peri'r risg o roi'r argraff i'r cyhoedd nad oedd ymddygiad y Cynghorydd yn ddigon difrifol i warantu cosb fwy llym. Nododd y Swyddog Monitro y byddai'n codi pryderon y Pwyllgor gyda Chyd-Swyddogion Monitro ac adrodd yn ôl i'r Pwyllgor unwaith y derbynir ymateb.

PENDERFYNWYD:

- A. *bod y Swyddog Monitro yn trafod y pryderon a fynegwyd gan y Pwyllgor Safonau ynghylch yr anghysondeb ymddangosiadol mewn sancsiynau a*
- B. *bod y Pwyllgor Safonau yn nodi cynnwys Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru – Adroddiad 'Ein Canfyddiadau'*

Camau Gweithredu:

Bod y Swyddog Monitro yn codi pryderon y Pwyllgor gyda Chyd-Swyddogion Monitro ac adrodd yn ôl i'r Pwyllgor unwaith y derbynir ymateb.

6 PRESENOLDEB MEWN CYFARFODYDD

Adroddodd yr Aelod Annibynnol, Peter Lamb, ar gyfarfod Cyngor Llawn Cyngor Tref Prestatyn a gynhaliwyd ar 11 Medi 2024.

Ar y cyfan, roedd y cyfarfod wedi'i gydlynu'n dda ond gyda chyfnodau o ddryswch, yn enwedig wrth adolygu ceisiadau grant. Ar sawl achlysur roedd yr aelodau wedi drysu rhwng yr hyn a gynigiwyd, yr hyn yr oeddent yn pleidleisio drosto a chanlyniad y bleidlais. Roedd dryswch hefyd ynghylch sut i ddatrys y mater ar ôl i bleidlais ddigwydd.

Drwy gydol y cyfarfod darparwyd taflenni papur amrywiol, ni esboniwyd a oedd gan y rhai a fynychodd y cyfarfod ar-lein gopiâu o'r taflenni eisoes neu eu bod yn bapurau ychwanegol at y rhai a oedd wedi'u cynnwys ar y rhaglen. Ni chynigiwyd copiâu o'r papurau i'r cyhoedd a oedd yn bresennol; ac nid oedd eglurhad ychwaith i ba fater yr oedd y papurau yn perthyn.

Yn ystod yr eitem Gynllunio ar y rhaglen, dywedodd Cynghorydd eu bod yn gymydog i'r eiddo sy'n peri pryder, fodd bynnag, ni chafodd unrhyw ddatganiad ffurfiol o gysylltiad ei egluro na'i gyflwyno.

Yn gyffredinol, cyflawnodd y cyfarfod ei nodau, dilynwyd y rhaglen ac anerchwyd y rhan fwyaf o'r sgysiau drwy'r Cadeirydd. Roedd pawb yn barchus at ei gilydd heb unrhyw arwydd o elyniaeth rhwng yr aelodau. Roedd y trafodion ar adegau yn mynd ychydig yn ddryslyd, fodd bynnag, nid oedd y cyhoedd a oedd yn bresennol yn dangos llawer o bryder am hyn. Roedd pawb a fynychodd y cyfarfod yn gyfeillgar a chroesawgar.

PENDERFYNWYD, y byddai'r Pwyllgor Safonau'n nodi'r wybodaeth am ymweld â chyfarfodydd.

7 CEISIADAU AM ODDEFEBAU

Ni chafwyd unrhyw geisiadau am oddefeb.

8 CYFNOD SWYDD AELODAU'R PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

Cyflwynodd y Swyddog Monitro adroddiad ar Delerau Swydd Aelodau Pwyllgor Safonau Annibynnol (a ddosbarthwyd ymlaen llaw).

Roedd Rheoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Cymru) 2001, fel y'u diwygiwyd, yn darparu ar gyfer cyfansoddiad Pwyllgorau Safonau a Thelerau Swyddi Aelodau Annibynnol.

Rhaid i Bwyllgor Safonau gael dim llai na phump a dim mwy na 9 aelod. Rhaid iddo gael o leiaf un aelod sy'n cynrychioli Cyngorau Tref, Dinas a Chymuned, aelodau etholedig o'r Cyngor Sir ac aelodau Annibynnol. Rhaid i fwyafrif y Pwyllgor fod yn Aelodau Annibynnol.

Roedd gan Bwyllgor Safonau Sir Ddinbych saith aelod gan gynnwys pedwar aelod Annibynnol, dau Gynghorydd Sir ac un aelod cynrychioliadol Cyngor Cymuned.

Gellir penodi aelodau annibynnol am dymor cychwynnol a gallent gael eu hailbenodi am un tymor ychwanegol yn olynol. Rhaid i aelodau annibynnol ymddiswyddo ar ôl eu hail dymor. O blith yr aelodau Annibynnol ar y Pwyllgor, roedd tri yn eu hail flwyddyn yn y swydd. Roedd dau o'r cyfnodau hynny yn y swydd, sef rhai'r Cadeirydd a'r Is-Gadeirydd i fod i ddod i ben ym mis Mai 2025 ac roedd un, sef un Peter Lamb, i fod i ddod i ben ym mis Mai 2026.

O ystyried bod cyfnod y Cadeirydd a'r Is-Gadeirydd i fod i ddod i ben ym mis Mai 2025, gofynnwyd i'r Pwyllgor Safonau ystyried y broses recriwtio ar gyfer aelodau Annibynnol newydd o'r Pwyllgor. Rhagnodwyd y broses gan y gyfraith. Rhaid cael hysbyseb cyhoeddus, ac yn dilyn hynny, rhaid cael panel recriwtio sy'n cynnwys dim mwy na phum aelod, a dylai un ohonynt fod yn aelod o'r cyhoedd. Yn gynharach eleni (2024), cymeradwyodd y Cyngor gyfansoddiad y Panel Recriwtio i gynnwys aelod o'r cyhoedd, dau Gynghorydd Sir sy'n aelodau o'r Pwyllgor,

cynrychiolydd y Cyngor Cymuned ar y Pwyllgor a Chadeirydd y Pwyllgor. Gofynnwyd i'r Pwyllgor Safonau ystyried amseriad cychwyn y broses recriwtio.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Swyddog Monitro am ei adroddiad.

Holodd yr aelodau a fyddai'r hysbyseb yn cynnwys cyfeiriad at yr Iaith Gymraeg. Eglurodd y Swyddog Monitro na ellid gwneud y Gymraeg yn ofyniad hanfodol ar gyfer y rôl ond y byddai'n cael ei nodi fel dymunol, byddai'r hysbyseb hefyd yn ddwyieithog.

Trafododd yr Aelodau y byddai'n fuddiol i aelodau sydd newydd eu recriwtio fynychu cyfarfodydd i arsylwi'r trafodion a chwblhau eu hyfforddiant gorfodol cyn gynted â phosibl er mwyn osgoi unrhyw darfu ar raglen waith y Pwyllgor.

PENDERFYNWYD: bod y Pwyllgor yn nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad ac yn cadarnhau'r gofynion ar gyfer recriwtio aelodau Annibynnol newydd.

9 HYFFORDDIANT COD YMDDYGIAD - TROSOLWG O'R DDARPARIAETH AR GYFER CYNGHORAU SIR A TREF, DINAS A CHYMUNED

Tywysodd y Swyddog Monitro yr aelodau drwy adroddiad ynghylch Hyfforddiant Cod Ymddygiad ar gyfer Cyngorau Sir, Tref, Dinas a Chymuned.

Roedd Atodiad 1 ynghlwm wrth yr adroddiad (a ddisbarthwyd yn flaenorol) yn nodi dyddiadau a lefelau presenoldeb digwyddiadau hyfforddi'r Cod Ymddygiad a gynhaliwyd ers yr etholiadau llywodraeth leol diwethaf ym mis Mai 2022. Er bod presenoldeb Cyngorwyr Sir wedi bod yn ardderchog, roedd lefelau presenoldeb siomedig yn y digwyddiadau amrywiol a gynhaliwyd ar gyfer Cyngorau Dinas, Tref a Chymuned. Nid oedd hyn yn golygu nad oedd aelodau o Gynghorau Dinas, Tref a Chymuned wedi cael eu hyfforddi. Roedd llawer o Gynghorau yn aelodau o Un Llais Cymru a oedd yn cynnig cyfleoedd hyfforddi, ac mae'n bosibl iawn eu bod wedi manteisio ar y gwasanaethau hynny.

Fodd bynnag, roedd y Swyddog Monitro wedi derbyn ceisiadau gan Gynghorau Dinas, Tref a Chymuned ar gyfer digwyddiadau hyfforddi i'w haelodau ac fe'u hysbyswyd y byddai dyddiadau'n cael eu trefnu yn ystod hydref 2024 ar gyfer sesiynau hyfforddi pellach.

Byddai'r Swyddog Monitro hefyd yn cynnig dyddiad(au) i glercod fynychu hyfforddiant yn benodol ar gyfer eu rôl.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Swyddog Monitro am yr adroddiad a chroesawyd cwestiynau gan yr Aelodau.

Holodd yr aelodau a fyddai sesiynau hyfforddi'n cael eu darparu'n ddwyieithog. Eglurodd y Swyddog Monitro y byddai'n cysylltu â'r adran gyllid i weld a fyddai unrhyw arian ar gael ar gyfer cyfleusterau cyfieithu mewn rhai sesiynau.

PENDERFYNWYD: *bod y Pwyllgor Safonau yn nodi'r Hyfforddiant Cod Ymddygiad – Trosolwg o Ddarparu ar gyfer Cyngorau Dinas, Tref a Chymuned.*

Camau Gweithredu:

Y Swyddog Monitro i gysylltu â'r adran gyllid ynglŷn â chyllid ar gyfer cyfleusterau cyfieithu mewn rhai sesiynau hyfforddi.

10 RHAGLEN WAITH Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

Cyflwynwyd Rhaglen Waith y Pwyllgor Safonau i'w hystyried, a nododd a chytunodd yr Aelodau ar y canlynol –

Byddai'r Swyddog Monitro yn edrych i mewn i Bolisiâu a Gweithdrefnau y byddai angen i'r Pwyllgor Safonau eu hadolygu a'u cynnwys ar y rhaglen waith bryd hynny.

Roedd y broses o recriwtio Aelodau Annibynnol newydd i'r Pwyllgor Safonau i'w ychwanegu dros dro at y raglen waith ar gyfer cyfarfod y Pwyllgor ar 6 Rhagfyr.

Diwygio rhaglen waith y Pwyllgor ar gyfer 6 Rhagfyr i ddatgan Adroddiad Blynyddol Drafft y Pwyllgor Safonau ac nid yr Adroddiad Safonau Blynyddol Drafft fel y nodir ar hyn o bryd.

Cynnwys y Panel fel rhan o eitem sefydlog Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru 'Ein Canfyddiadau'.

Roedd Adolygiad yr Ombwdsmon Cyhoeddus o Brosesau Datrys Lleol i'w ychwanegu at y raglen waith o dan 'Eitemau i'w Hystyried yn y Dyfodol'.

PENDERFYNWYD: *yn amodol ar yr uchod, bod y Pwyllgor Safonau yn cytuno ar y Rhaglen Waith.*

Camau Gweithredu:

Bos y Swyddog Monitro yn edrych i mewn i Bolisiâu a Gweithdrefnau y byddai angen i'r Pwyllgor Safonau eu hadolygu a'u cynnwys ar y rhaglen waith bryd hynny.

11 DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD NESAF

Bydd cyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Safonau'n cael ei gynnal ar 6 Rhagfyr 2024 am 10.00am.

GWAHARDD Y WASG A'R CYHOEDD

Penderfynwyd: *gwahardd y Wasg a'r Cyhoedd o'r cyfarfod ar gyfer yr eitemau busnes canlynol, dan Adran 100A Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972, ar y sail ei bod yn debygol y byddent yn datgelu gwybodaeth eithriedig fel y'i diffinnir ym Mharagraffau 12 a 13 Rhan 4 Atodlen 12A Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.*

12 COD YMDDYGIAD - RHAN 3 DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 2000

Cyflwynodd y Swyddog Monitro adroddiad cyfrinachol (a rannwyd ymlaen llaw) a oedd yn rhoi trosolwg o'r cwynion yn erbyn aelodau a gyflwynwyd i Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru (OGCC) ers 1 Ebrill 2023.

Ni hysbyswyd y Swyddog Monitro am unrhyw gwynion newydd ers cyfarfod diwethaf y Pwyllgor Safonau.

PENDERFYNWYD: *derbyn a nodi'r adroddiad.*

13 ADRODDIADAU ARWEINWYR GRWPIAU

Cyflwynodd y Cadeirydd yr Adroddiadau Arweinwyr Grwpiau a oedd wedi'u dosbarthu'n flaenorol i'r aelodau.

Dywedodd y Swyddog Monitro ei fod wedi derbyn pedwar allan o bum adroddiad Arweinydd Grŵp, a hynny oherwydd bod un adroddiad yn cael ei adalw o'r system ar hyn o bryd. Roedd yr ymatebion a dderbyniwyd i'r adroddiadau yn amlinellu prosesau tebyg o fewn pob grŵp, yn bennaf manylion ei aelodau a'r hyfforddiant yr oedd aelodau wedi cofrestru arno. Trafodwyd pob un o'r adroddiadau a dderbyniwyd yn fyr.

Tynnodd y Cadeirydd sylw at yr angen am ragor o wybodaeth ynghylch yr hyn yr oedd pob Arweinydd Grŵp wedi'i wneud yn unigol, er enghraifft a oedd angen i unrhyw Arweinydd Grŵp fentora unrhyw un o'u haelodau a pha drafodaethau oedd yn digwydd o fewn cyfarfodydd rheolaidd pob grŵp. Penderfynwyd y byddai'r wybodaeth hon yn cael ei chasglu pan fyddai'r Pwyllgor Safonau yn cyfarfod ag Arweinwyr Grwpiau mewn cyfarfod yn y dyfodol. Dywedodd y Swyddog Monitro y byddai'n dosbarthu nifer o ddyddiadau posibl ar gyfer y cyfarfod i'r aelodau.

I gloi'r drafodaeth, nodwyd gan y Pwyllgor fod Arweinwyr Grwpiau yn cydymffurfio'n fawr â chyflwyno eu hadroddiadau ac ymgysylltu â'r broses.

PENDERFYNWYD: *yn amodol ar yr uchod derbyn a nodi Adroddiadau'r Arweinwyr Grwpiau.*

Camau Gweithredu:

Y Swyddog Monitro i ddosbarthu dyddiadau posibl ar gyfer cyfarfod yr Arweinwyr Grwpiau i'r Pwyllgor.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r aelodau am eu presenoldeb a'u cyfraniadau a mynegodd ei diolch i Weinyddwyr y Pwyllgor a'r Cyfieithydd a oedd yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 1pm.

Adroddiad i'r	Pwyllgor Safonau
Dyddiad y cyfarfod	13 Rhagfyr 2024
Swyddog / Aelod Arweiniol	Gary Williams, Swyddog Monitro
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth	Catrin Roberts, Pennaeth Gwasanaeth
Awdur yr Adroddiad	Elinor Cartwright, Cyfreithwraig dan Hyfforddiant
Teitl	Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru – 'Ein Canfyddiadau'

1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

1.1 Y crynodebau achos diweddaraf yn yr adran 'Ein Canfyddiadau' ar wefan Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru (yr Ombwdsmon).

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

2.1 Rhoi gwybod i aelodau am y crynodebau achos diweddaraf yn yr adran 'Ein Canfyddiadau' ar wefan yr Ombwdsmon sy'n disodli'r Llyfr Achosion Cod Ymddygiad blaenorol, a'r penderfyniadau diweddaraf a wnaed gan Banel Dyfarnu Cymru.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

3.1. Bod y Pwyllgor yn nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad hwn.

4. Manylion yr adroddiad

4.1 Bydd Aelodau'r Pwyllgor yn gwybod bod yr Ombwdsmon yn arfer cyhoeddi 'Llyfr Achosion Cod Ymddygiad' (y Llyfr Achosion) yn chwarterol a oedd yn rhoi crynodeb byr o'r materion yr oedd yr Ombwdsmon wedi ymchwilio iddynt, a chanlyniadau'r ymchwiliadau hynny.

- 4.2. Ystyriwyd bod y Llyfr Achosion yn adnodd defnyddiol i roi gwybod i aelodau etholedig, y cyhoedd a phwyllgorau safonau am y mathau o gwynion a gaiff eu hymchwilio a chanlyniadau'r ymchwiliadau hynny.
- 4.3. Mae'r Ombwdsmon bellach wedi rhoi'r gorau i gyhoeddi'r Llyfr Achosion ac yn hytrach wedi creu adran 'Ein Canfyddiadau' ar ei gwefan y gellir mynd ato drwy ddilyn y ddolen ganlynol: <https://www.ombwdsmon.cymru/>
- 4.4. Mae'r adran 'Ein Canfyddiadau' yn cynnwys cyfleuster chwilio lle gellir chwilio am fanylion achosion a ystyriwyd gan yr Ombwdsman yn ôl pwnc, awdurdod, canlyniad, dyddiad a chyfeirnod. Mae'r adran yn cynnwys yr holl faterion y mae'r Ombwdsmon yn ymchwilio iddynt, nid dim ond materion yn ymwneud ag ymddygiad.
- 4.5. Mae'r adroddiad yn ymwneud â'r cyfnod 13 Medi – 21 Tachwedd 2024. Mae'r adran 'Ein Canfyddiadau' ar wefan yr Ombwdsmon yn cynnwys crynodeb o'r achosion sy'n cynnwys cwynion Cod Ymddygiad ac wedi cael eu hymchwilio gan yr Ombwdsmon, ac fe'u rhennir i'r categorïau canlynol:

Hyrwyddo cydraddoldeb a pharch 1

- 4.6. Gellir categorio'r canlyniadau fel a ganlyn:

Dim tystiolaeth o dorri cod ymddygiad 1

- 4.7 Mae dyfyniadau perthnasol o'r dudalen Ein Canfyddiadau ynghlwm fel Atodiad 1 er gwybodaeth. Nid oedd unrhyw un o'r achosion yn ymwneud â chyngor yn Sir Ddinbych.

- 4.8 Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn cynnwys y cyfnod y gwnaed penderfyniadau gan Banel Dyfarnu Cymru y gellir ei weld drwy glicio ar y ddolen ganlynol: <https://paneldyfarnu.llyw.cymru/penderfyniadau>. Mae'r Panel yn mynd i'r afael â chyfeiriad gan yr Ombwdsmon ac apeliadau yn erbyn penderfyniadau'r Pwyllgor Safonau. Mae adran 'Penderfyniadau' gwefan y Panel yn cynnwys crynodeb o'r penderfyniadau a wnaed ers mis Ebrill 2024.

4.9 Ers 13 Medi 2024, mae'r Panel wedi gwneud un penderfyniad mewn cyswllt ag atgyfeiriadau gan yr Ombwdsmon. Ni wnaed unrhyw apeliadau yn erbyn Penderfyniadau Pwyllgorau Safonau. Gellir categorreiddio'r canlyniad fel a ganlyn:

Tori amodau paragraff 4(b), 4(c) a 6(1)(a) - diarddel am 3 blynedd.

4.10 Mae'r dyfyniad perthnasol o'r dudalen 'Penderfyniadau' ynghlwm fel Atodiad 2 er gwybodaeth. Nid oedd yr achos yn ymwneud â Chynghorydd yn Sir Ddinbych.

5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at Gynllun Corfforaethol 2022 i 2027: Y Sir Ddinbych a Garem?

5.1. Nid yw'r adroddiad yn cael effaith uniongyrchol ar y Cynllun Corfforaethol.

6. Faint fydd hyn yn ei gostio a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

6.1. Nid oes unrhyw gostau yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn.

7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Aseiad o Effaith ar Les?

7.1. Nid oes angen aseiad ar gyfer yr adroddiad hwn.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi'u cynnal gyda Chraffu ac eraill?

8.1. Nid oes unrhyw ymgynghoriadau wedi eu cynnal mewn perthynas â'r adroddiad hwn.

9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

9.1. Nid oes angen datganiad.

10. Pa risgiau sydd ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

10.1. Nid oes unrhyw risgiau yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn.

11. Pŵer i wneud y penderfyniad

11.1. Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000

11.2. Nid oes angen gwneud penderfyniad.

Extract from 'Our Findings'

Relevant body: Newport City Council

Report date: 15/10/2024

Subject: Promotion of equality and respect

Case ref number: 202305968

The Ombudsman received a complaint that a member ("the Member") of Newport City Council ("the Council") had breached the Code of Conduct ("the Code").

It was alleged that the Member made a complaint about the Complainant ("the Complainant") to his employer; that the Member used his "Councillor" status in submitting the complaint and, by doing so, the Complainant felt the Member abused his position.

The Ombudsman's investigation considered information obtained from the Council, the Complainant's employer ("the Employer"), the Complainant and the Member.

The Ombudsman found that whilst the Member had used his title of "Cllr" in submitting his complaint, the Member's status as a councillor would have been clear from him having to document why he was choosing to make the complaint. The Complainant made comments about the Member in a public arena which were provocative and personally offensive to the Member. The Complainant made serious allegations about the Member which were personal and had the potential to be damaging for him. It was understandable that the Member perceived them as an attempt by the Complainant to defame him. The Ombudsman considered that the Member had a right to challenge and try to defend himself against such comments.

The Employer said that no weight was given to the Member's role when it investigated his complaint. Given that the substance of his complaint focused on the Complainant's comments about him, in the context of his role as an elected member, it would have been evident that he was a councillor, even if the title had not been used. In these circumstances, the Ombudsman considered that it was not unreasonable for the Member to sign off his email with his "Cllr" title.

The Ombudsman found that there was no evidence of any failure to comply with the Code under Section 69(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 2000 in respect of the matters investigated.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

Extract from 'Decisions'

Relevant bodies: Ceredigion County Council and Aberystwyth Town Council

Nature of allegation: breach of paragraph 4(b), 4(c), 6(1)(a) and 7(a).

Tribunal decision: breach of paragraphs 4(b), 4(c) and 6(1)(a). No breach of 7(a).

Tribunal reference number: APW/006/2023-024/CT

Introduction & Background

The Public Service Ombudsman for Wales ('PSOW') produced an initial Interim Report on 20 March 2023. After its receipt, the Respondent failed to respond to the Panel's correspondence of 23 March 2023 (with the APW01 and Reply to Notice of Reference Form) and the case was then the subject of an Interim Case Tribunal hearing on 10 July, with a decision Report which followed on 9 August 2023.

The Respondent was elected as a member of Ceredigion County Council and to Aberystwyth Town Council in 2012, representing the Penparcau Ward. He resigned from both positions in October 2023. He had been mayor of Aberystwyth in 2017-8, a local school governor and had volunteered at a number of organisations and clubs. He was clearly well known and had a high profile in the area.

Complaint History

Incident 1

In early October 2020, a complaint was received that the Respondent had been making 'welfare checks' on a vulnerable widow, Mrs A, who was not in his ward and therefore not a constituent. He had known Mrs A's late husband and had visited her soon after his death. Her niece had asked him not to visit again but he had not adhered to the request. As a result, the relative had contacted the Council.

Mrs A complained that he had "*pestered*" her "*very frequently*". She had become "*frightened*" and "*very scared due to the Councillor's attitude*" and had wanted it to stop.

On 2 October, the Monitoring Officer spoke to the Respondent about the allegation. He said that he would not call again and Mrs A's niece was informed, but he subsequently emailed, as if testing the request. Although he did not visit again, he did see Mrs A in a local supermarket and spoke her about her complaint then.

When interviewed, the Respondent claimed that he had not returned to visit Mrs A once he had been asked not to and admitted to having 'challenged' her over her complaint when he had bumped into her in the supermarket.

Given the Respondent's behaviour on other occasions as set out below and the clear representations that were made to the Council, the APW considered it to have been more likely that there had been an element of persistence to the Respondent's visits.

Incident 2

It was alleged that, in early December 2020, an anonymous caller telephoned the Council expressing concerns about elderly members of their family. It was alleged that the Respondent had been visiting properties in his ward during the pandemic to ensure that residents were safe and not in need of anything. Although his conduct was congratulated to some extent, the concern that was expressed was that he was

entering properties, staying for some time and socially mixing in breach of the Covid-19 rules.

The Monitoring Officer arranged for a Teams meeting with the Respondent to discuss the issues which he did not attend, but he did eventually speak to the Monitoring Officer on 23 December when he confirmed that he been making such visits and had cut lawns, mended fences and undertaken other errands and stated that his visits had all been compliant with the Covid rules then in force.

The APW did not find the evidence in support of this 'incident' particularly compelling or useful. The APW states that it was difficult to gauge the quality of the evidence which had been received by the Monitoring Officer which was reported to the PSOW as hearsay.

Incident 3

On 6 November 2020, the Council received a Multi-Agency Referral Form ('MARF') from the Police concerning an individual who complained that she had been harassed and stalked by the Respondent since September 2020. The Respondent was not known to her and was alleged to have left 'love notes' on her bicycle on eight or nine occasions, when she had left it to shop in the local supermarket. The notes indicated that he found her attractive and that he was interested in forming a relationship. He had also asked questions about her at a bus stop which she used.

The Monitoring Officer spoke to him on 23 December. The Respondent explained that he had left the notes to try to "*attract attention*", but he agreed not to contact her again. The following day, the Monitoring Officer emailed Adult Safeguarding to tell them of her discussions which was followed up by an email to the Respondent in which further safeguarding training was offered.

In light of the Respondent's position and the evidence as a whole, the Tribunal had little difficulty in concluding that he clearly had left notes on the individual's bicycle as alleged and had failed to comply with the request made of her boyfriend to cease his activity. The Tribunal also concluded that the Respondent had probably also made enquiries at a bus stop as reported. It was similar to the persistent and planned nature of his conduct in other respects.

Incident 4

Further complaints arose from the Penparcau Community Hub where the Respondent assisted as a volunteer from time to time.

It was alleged that he made inappropriate comments and conducted himself improperly in relation to a new, young, female worker and one of the female Co-Ordinators in late February. Specifically, it was alleged that he repeatedly nudged the new member of staff when they were working together, which was alarming to her and inappropriate in light of the Covid regulations which was still in force at the time.

The Respondent had also been using the Hub to visit people in their homes during the pandemic who he referred to as 'my old ladies, the ladies who vote for me'.

In addition to the specific allegations set out above, there were other complaints about him having made derogatory and offensive comments whilst out delivering food in the Hub minibus.

The Monitoring Officer and Safeguarding Manager spoke to the Respondent again and reiterated the Code of Conduct. They informed him that an investigation was ongoing.

On 23 April, the Monitoring Officer asked the Respondent not to volunteer in the community whilst the matter was under investigation. He did not reply to her email initially but, when he did, he seemed resistant to the request.

A Professional Concerns Meeting was held on 13 August 2021 it was noted that the Respondent had denied harassment during interview and that no further action could have been taken because no formal complaint had been lodged.

During his interview, the Respondent suggested that he had no recollection of any specific comments attributed to him during his work at the Hub and stated that his memory had 'blocked' his recall of the events there.

The evidence that the Tribunal considered in relation to the Respondent's conduct at the Hub was

compelling and came from a number of sources (two former Trustees, a former Manager, the Co-Ordinator and the local MP).

In broad terms, the Tribunal therefore accepted the evidence which was presented to them in relation to Incident 4 and Incidents 5 and 6 which followed.

Incidents 5 and 6

As stated above, these allegations arose from the incident which was investigated in relation to the Respondent's work at the Hub. Two female witnesses were interviewed by the Police and claimed that they had been harassed by the Respondent; he paid unwanted visits to them, sometimes at night, brought them flowers and tended to their gardens.

Although they were reluctant to make formal complaints, not only because of the Respondent's position as a councillor, but also because he lived nearby. They nevertheless wanted his conduct to stop.

The Respondent said that he could not and/or would not answer questions about those two allegations at interview without the names and addresses of those who had made the complaints.

The Tribunal concluded that the victims' accounts were likely to have been reasonably accurate.

Incident 7

This allegation concerned another young female who the Respondent had pursued with presents, cards and gifts. She had worked at a local sports club behind the bar. He started to drink there, but then started to drop off presents for her. She remembered that she was first bought a present in October 2022. He continued to make gifts, despite her saying that she did not want them. Once she had reported his conduct to her manager, he was told not to use the bar again.

The Respondent then started to visit a professional address where the woman worked during the day and continued his habit of dropping off gifts and cards. Before Christmas 2022, he dropped off a present with the gift tag which read "*All I want for Christmas is you xxx*".

The woman asked her colleagues to tell him not to visit her again. It was clear that he continued to do so, since a further Valentines gift was dropped off.

The woman reported the Respondent's conduct to the Police and it became the subject of another MARF in January 2023, the third. Again, she did not want to make a formal complaint, but did want the conduct to stop. He was told not to visit the sports club and/or her place of work again.

Matters went quiet for some time after Valentines Day 2023 until a further gift, a CD, arrived at her place of work in June with a note. Another gift arrived in July. Both had been differently addressed (under the name of a charity which she worked for) such that her colleagues accepted them thinking that they were legitimate.

In interview, the Respondent stated that he considered the woman to have been very pretty and he admitted having made the gifts.

In light of the physical evidence which existed to corroborate and support the victim's account and the Respondent's position in interview, there could have been no doubt that these events occurred as they were described.

Incident 8

In April 2022, the Respondent was banned from visiting Aberystwyth RFC because of an allegation of harassment (he had referred to a woman as a 'good pull'). In interview, he described the ban as a decision on his part to 'step back' but appeared to acknowledge that there had been an allegation to the police that he had made that comment.

The quality of the evidence in relation to this allegation was poor. The allegation turned upon the contents of a newspaper article and the Respondent's interview with the PSOW. There was no direct evidence of the words used and that part of the interview which concerned the issue was somewhat muddled.

Incident 9

In or around September 2022, a local MP, Mr Lake, received an anonymous letter about the Respondent in which it was asserted that he had been "*using his power to make his move on women*". The author said that he/she had seen "*for myself how he prays [sic] on younger women*".

The Tribunal did not consider it necessary or helpful to regard this as a separate 'incident'. The themes within the anonymous letter were corroborated elsewhere by specific, direct evidence from named individuals. The feature of it which was, perhaps, of more interest and concern was the timing; the letter arrived in September 2022 and spoke about events as if they were occurring then and/or in the recent past. The Respondent had been spoken to on multiple occasions by the Monitoring Officer, the Police, the Council's safeguarding Officers and others in relation to similar conduct over two years.

Case Tribunal's Decision

On the basis of the findings of fact, the Case Tribunal found by a unanimous decision that there were failures to comply with the Codes of Conduct as follows:

Paragraph 4 (b) and (c);

The Tribunal agreed with the PSOW's position; paragraphs 4 (b) and (c) of the Code ought to have been considered *sui generis* with (a) and read in the same context; they covered an individual's conduct when carrying out his duties as a councillor. He therefore had to have been working in that capacity and/or holding himself out as such at the time of any alleged breaches.

In relation to Incident 1, it was noteworthy that the complaint about the Respondent's conduct relating to Mrs. A had come to the authority. It might therefore have been thought that his conduct had been viewed as having arisen from his wider duties to the community as a councillor, but the Tribunal did not think so here for the following reasons.

First, the Respondent had known Mrs. A's husband before his death and his visits appeared to have emanated from that friendship. Secondly, Mrs. A also did not live in his Ward. Thirdly, the Tribunal did not see how the PSOW had come to the conclusion that Mrs. A 'had viewed his visits' as having been undertaken in his role as councillor.

On balance, therefore, the Tribunal did not consider that it could have been said he had been carrying out his duties as a councillor in respect of Incident 1.

In respect of his work at the Hub (Incidents 4, 5 and 6), the staff there all knew him as a councillor and his status appeared to have been relevant to his interactions; for example, he referred to those he made deliveries to as potential voters.

In respect of Incidents 4, 5 and 6, all of the women involved had been upset by the Respondent's conduct. The nature of his conduct towards the woman in the Incident 4 demonstrated a clear lack of respect and

constituted harassment of a sexual nature in the clearest sense. Paragraphs 4 (b) and (c) were breached. The manner in which the women in Incident 5 and 6 reported the Respondent's conduct also demonstrated breaches of those paragraphs, particularly because of the frequency and timing of his visits and some of the words used.

Paragraph 6 (1)(a);

The Tribunal determined the PSOW was correct in respect of the application of the Code, in the Tribunal's judgment; paragraphs 6 and 7 were not restricted to conduct necessarily committed whilst exercising the duties of a councillor. Paragraph 7 specifically referred to conduct committed '*in your official capacity or otherwise*'.

The PSOW contended that this paragraph was breached by the Respondent in respect of his conduct within Incidents 1, 3, 5 and 6.

It was not difficult to see how his conduct in respect of Incident 1 brought his office and/or that of the authority into disrepute since his behaviour was raised *with* the authority.

Incidents 3, 5, 6 and 7 all gave rise to multi-agency involvement; the police, safeguarding and/or the Monitoring Officer. This must have been embarrassing to the authority and readily brought it and/or the Respondent into disrepute.

Finally, the PSOW alleged that the Respondent's failure to adhere to the advice given to him by the Monitoring Officer over the many occasions that he was spoken to, amounted to a further breach of paragraph 6 (1)(a). We were not convinced that that, in itself, gave rise to a breach, but the "*widespread concerns about Former Councillor Davies in the community*" did. His letter to the Cambrian News and the consequent press report, his conduct within the community, at the Hub and sports clubs, Dyfed Powys Police's involvement in 4 of the cases and the sheer number of people involved in the Incidents referred to above, when he was such a public figure, must have served to bring his office and/or that of the authorities into disrepute.

Paragraph 7 (a);

It was alleged that the Respondent had been in breach of this paragraph in respect of Incidents 3, 5, 6 and 7.

In respect of Incidents 3 and 7, the 'advantage' that the Respondent sought to confer on himself, in the Tribunal's view, was some form of relationship with the women involved. The difficulty that the Tribunal had was understanding how it was alleged that he had used his *position* to confer that advantage. The PSOW's was that he had behaved in his personal capacity in respect of both Incidents. There was nothing in his notes and/or other communications with the women which suggested that he was attempting to use his position or status as a councillor to further his advances.

In respect of Incidents 5 and 6, whilst the women concerned had seemingly known him to have been a councillor and whilst the Tribunal found that he had acted in that role while working at the Hub for the purposes of paragraph 4, the advantage that the Respondent was attempting to confer upon himself in respect of these Incidents was far less clear. There was little within the evidence to suggest an attraction and/or an attempt to form a close relationship as in Incidents 3 and 7. The Tribunal did not consider that the PSOW had properly explained how this paragraph of the Code was said to have applied to the circumstances. Accordingly, the evidence did not enable the Tribunal to conclude that he had breached paragraph 7 in any respects here.

Case Tribunal's Decision - Sanction

The Case Tribunal unanimously concluded that the appropriate sanction in all of the circumstances was for the Respondent to be disqualified for 3 years from being or becoming a member of authority or of any other relevant authority within the meaning of the Local Government Act 20

Adroddiad i'r	Pwyllgor Safonau
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod	13 Rhagfyr 2024
Aelod/Swyddog Arweiniol	Gary Williams, Swyddog Monitro
Awdur yr Adroddiad	Gary Williams, Swyddog Monitro
Teitl	Cais am Ganiatâd Gollyngiad gan aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Llandyrnog

1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

1.1. Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn ymwneud â chais am ollyngiad a wnaed gan aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Llandyrnog.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

2.1. I alluogi'r Pwyllgor i ystyried cefndir y cais am ollyngiad a'r darpariaethau cyfreithiol perthnasol cyn penderfynu a ddylid caniatáu gollyngiad.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

3.1. Bod y Pwyllgor yn ystyried y cais am ollyngiad ac yn penderfynu a ddylid caniatáu'r gollyngiad ac, os felly, ar ba delerau y rhoddir y gollyngiad.

4. Manylion yr adroddiad

4.1. Mae Cod Ymddygiad yr Aelodau yn darparu bod rhaid i aelod o awdurdod lleol sydd â buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu mewn unrhyw fater ymneilltuo o'r siambr yn ystod y drafodaeth ar y mater hwnnw ac na fydd yn cymryd rhan yn y broses o

ystyried y mater hwnnw, oni bai bod yr aelod wedi'i ganiatáu. gollyngiad gan y Pwyllgor Safonau ar gyfer yr awdurdod hwnnw.

- 4.2. a81(4) Mae Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 yn rhoi pŵer i Bwyllgorau Safonau roi gollyngiadau yn unol â rheoliadau a wneir gan Weinidogion Cymru o dan a81(5) o'r Ddeddf honno sy'n rhagnodi o dan ba amgylchiadau y cânt wneud hynny.
- 4.3. Y rheoliadau perthnasol yw Rheoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Caniatáu Gollyngiadau) (Cymru) 2001 (y Rheoliadau).
- 4.4. Mae'r Swyddog Monitro wedi derbyn cais am Ollyngiad i aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Llandyrnog i gymryd rhan weithredol mewn unrhyw eitem yn ymwneud â Siop Gymunedol y pentref, Hyb a Swyddfa Bost a ddaw gerbron y Cyngor. Mae hyn ar y sail bod y mwyafrif o aelodau'r Cyngor Cymuned yn gyfranddalwyr ac y byddai datgan buddiant yn golygu nad oes cworwm i'r cyfarfod. Mae manylion llawn y cais wedi'u cynnwys yn y cyflwyniad sydd ynghlwm fel Atodiad 1 i'r adroddiad hwn.
- 4.5. Mae'r Rheoliadau yn nodi ar ba seiliau y gall Pwyllgor Safonau roi gollyngiad. Mae copi o Reoliad 2 o'r Rheoliadau i'w weld yn Atodiad 2 i'r adroddiad hwn ac mae'n rhestru'r amgylchiadau lle gellir caniatáu gollyngiad. Awgrymir mai'r amgylchiadau mwyaf perthnasol i'r cais hwn yw'r rhai a nodir yn Rheoliad 2(a).
- 4.6. Os yw'r Pwyllgor yn bwriadu caniatáu gollyngiad rhaid iddo ystyried a yw'n dymuno caniatáu'r gollyngiad yn ôl y gofyn neu a ddylid gosod unrhyw gyfyngiad neu gyfyngiad ar weithrediad y gollyngiad, gan gynnwys am ba hyd y bydd y gollyngiad mewn grym.
- 4.7. Os caniateir gollyngiad, mae'n rhaid i unrhyw aelod sydd â'r fantais ohoni barhau i ddatgan buddiant personol mewn unrhyw fusnes sy'n ymwneud â'r corff gwirfoddol a datgan bodolaeth a natur y gollyngiad a roddwyd.

5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Cynllun Corfforaethol 2022 i 2027: Y Sir Ddinbych a Garem?

- 5.1. Nid yw'r penderfyniad yn cael unrhyw effaith uniongyrchol ar y Cynllun Corfforaethol.

6. Beth fydd y gost a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

6.1. Nid oes unrhyw gostau yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn.

7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Les?

7.1. Nid oes angen asesiad ar gyfer yr adroddiad hwn.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd gyda Chraffu ac eraill?

8.1. Nid oes angen unrhyw ymgynghoriadau o'r fath ar gyfer yr adroddiad hwn.

9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

9.1. Ddim yn ofynnol ar gyfer yr adroddiad hwn.

10. Pa risgiau sydd ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

10.1. Mae risg na fydd y cyngor cymuned yn gallu ystyried busnes sy'n gysylltiedig â'r Siop Gymunedol, yr Hyb a Swyddfa'r Post os na chaiff y gollyngiad hwn ei ganiatáu.

11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

11.1. a81(4) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 fel y'i diwygiwyd.

11.2. Rheoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Caniatáu Gollyngiadau) (Cymru) 2001 fel y'u diwygiwyd.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

Appendix 1

SUBMISSION TO THE DENBIGHSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

I write to apply for Dispensation for members of the Llandyrnog Community Council to actively participate in any item relating to the village Community Shop, Hub and Post Office which comes before the Council. This is on the grounds that the majority of the Community Council members are shareholders and for all to declare an interest would render the meeting inquorate.

I attach individual details but set out below the background information:

BACKGROUND

The village of Llandyrnog had, until the covid pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, a thriving village centre comprising a shop and post office, butchers shop and three public houses. After lockdown all but the post office and one of the pubs had closed. The owners of the post office premises then gave notice of their intention to sell up and move away. Unfortunately they had few potential purchasers and at this point it seemed the village would lose this facility too. A campaign was launched to raise funds to purchase the property for the community and the individuals involved were ultimately successful in securing grant funding from Welsh Government and UK Levelling Up funds.

In June 2023 further funds were sought by means of a local “share” offer. The majority of the present members of the community council purchased shares (together with over 300 other local residents). The maximum shareholding available was £7000. The shares will not pay a dividend at any time; therefore no one can gain financially on a personal level – it was a means of helping to support the project. The shares raised a total of over £50,000.

CONCLUSION

The Community Shop, Hub and Post Office opened in recent weeks and is doing really well. However the Llandyrnog Community Council is mindful of the fact that as almost every councillor is a shareholder (albeit the terms of the shareholding means that no financial gain is possible) each should declare an interest in any business relating to the village shop. This would result in the meeting being without a quorum.

The Llandyrnog Community Council therefore wish to request the Standard Committee consider granting a joint dispensation for the named councillors to participate in discussions and vote on any agenda items relating to the Llandyrnog Community Shop. This dispensation to run for their term of office or until the next Local Government election.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 13TH DECEMBER 2024

JOINT APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF LLANDYRNOG
COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE IN, SPEAK AND VOTE ON ITEMS RELATING
TO LLANDYRNOG SHOP POST OFFICE AND COMMUNITY HUB.

The relevant paragraph under which dispensation is sought:

(a) No fewer than half of the members of the council by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business.

Listed below are the Community Council members and details of their interest in this matter:

Mrs Gwen Butler (Chair)

Shareholder – husband also has a voluntary role in the management of the shop

Ms Jane Borthwick (vice-chair)

Shareholder

Mr Emyr Morris

Shareholder and former director

Mr Gwilym C Evans,

Shareholder

Mr Arwyn Evans,

Shareholder

Ms Elaine Williams,

Shareholder

Ms Ruth Griffith,

Shareholder

Mr Merfyn Parry

Shareholder

Mr J McGuire

Shareholder

The Members have given their consent for a joint dispensation to be sought. It would be appreciated if the dispensation (if granted) could run for the duration of the term of office or to the next Local Government election.

Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001/2279

reg. 2 Circumstances in which dispensations may be granted



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2. Circumstances in which dispensations may be granted

The standards committee of a relevant authority may grant dispensations under [section 81\(4\)](#) of the Act where—

- (a) no fewer than half of the members of the relevant authority or of a committee of the authority (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (d) the nature of the member's interest is such that the member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the relevant authority's business;
- (e) the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
- (h) the business which is to be considered relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the relevant authority and the member has no other interest in that business provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; [...] ¹
- (i) it appears to the committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the relevant authority that the disability should be removed [; or] ²
- [
- (j) “it appears to the committee to be otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.
-] ³

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Adroddiad i'r	Pwyllgor Safonau
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod	13 Rhagfyr 2024
Aelod/Swyddog Arweiniol	Gary Williams, Swyddog Monitro
Awdur yr Adroddiad	Gary Williams, Swyddog Monitro
Teitl	Cais am Ganiatâd Gollyngiad gan aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Gwyddelwern

1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

1.1. Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn ymwneud â chais am ollyngiad a wnaed gan aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Llandyrnog.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

2.1. I alluogi'r Pwyllgor i ystyried cefndir y cais am ollyngiad a'r darpariaethau cyfreithiol perthnasol cyn penderfynu a ddylid caniatáu gollyngiad.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

3.1. Bod y Pwyllgor yn ystyried y cais am ollyngiad ac yn penderfynu a ddylid caniatáu'r gollyngiad ac, os felly, ar ba delerau y rhoddir y gollyngiad.

4. Manylion yr adroddiad

4.1. Mae Cod Ymddygiad yr Aelodau yn darparu bod rhaid i aelod o awdurdod lleol sydd â buddiant sy'n rhagfarnu mewn unrhyw fater ymneilltuo o'r siambr yn ystod y drafodaeth ar y mater hwnnw ac na fydd yn cymryd rhan yn y broses o

ystyried y mater hwnnw, oni bai bod yr aelod wedi'i ganiatáu. gollyngiad gan y Pwyllgor Safonau ar gyfer yr awdurdod hwnnw.

- 4.2. a81(4) Mae Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 yn rhoi pŵer i Bwyllgorau Safonau roi gollyngiadau yn unol â rheoliadau a wneir gan Weinidogion Cymru o dan a81(5) o'r Ddeddf honno sy'n rhagnodi o dan ba amgylchiadau y cânt wneud hynny.
- 4.3. Y rheoliadau perthnasol yw Rheoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Caniatáu Gollyngiadau) (Cymru) 2001 (y Rheoliadau).
- 4.4. Mae'r Swyddog Monitro wedi derbyn cais am ollyngiad i aelodau Cyngor Cymuned Gwyddelwern gymryd rhan weithredol mewn eitem yn ymwneud â chais cynllunio yn eu hardal. Mae gan nifer o gynghorwyr cymuned gysylltiadau gyda'r ymgeisydd. Ymddengys mai'r sail ar gyfer y cais yw na fyddai digon o aelodau ar gael i ffurfio cworwm heb ollyngiadau. Mae manylion llawn y ceisiadau a dderbyniwyd wedi'u cynnwys yn y ceisiadau sydd ynghlwm fel Atodiad 1 i'r adroddiad hwn. Efallai y bydd aelodau'n teimlo bod angen gwybodaeth ychwanegol arnynt er mwyn ystyried y ceisiadau hyn y gellir eu darparu ar lafar yn y Pwyllgor.
- 4.5. Mae'r Rheoliadau yn nodi ar ba seiliau y gall Pwyllgor Safonau roi gollyngiad. Mae copi o Reoliad 2 o'r Rheoliadau i'w weld yn Atodiad 2 i'r adroddiad hwn ac mae'n rhestru'r amgylchiadau lle gellir caniatáu gollyngiad.
- 4.6. Os yw'r Pwyllgor yn bwriadu caniatáu gollyngiad rhaid iddo ystyried a yw'n dymuno caniatáu'r gollyngiad yn ôl y gofyn neu a ddylid gosod unrhyw gyfyngiad neu gyfyngiad ar weithrediad y gollyngiad, gan gynnwys am ba hyd y bydd y gollyngiad mewn grym.
- 4.7. Os caniateir gollyngiad, mae'n rhaid i unrhyw aelod sydd â'r fantais ohoni barhau i ddatgan buddiant personol mewn unrhyw fusnes sy'n ymwneud â'r corff gwirfoddol a datgan bodolaeth a natur y gollyngiad a roddwyd.

5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Cynllun Corfforaethol 2022 i 2027: Y Sir Ddinbych a Garem?

- 5.1. Nid yw'r penderfyniad yn cael unrhyw effaith uniongyrchol ar y Cynllun Corfforaethol.

6. Beth fydd y gost a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

6.1. Nid oes unrhyw gostau yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn.

7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Les?

7.1. Nid oes angen asesiad ar gyfer yr adroddiad hwn.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau a gynhaliwyd gyda Chraffu ac eraill?

8.1. Nid oes angen unrhyw ymgynghoriadau o'r fath ar gyfer yr adroddiad hwn.

9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

9.1. Ddim yn ofynnol ar gyfer yr adroddiad hwn.

10. Pa risgiau sydd ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

10.1. Mae risg na fydd y cyngor cymuned yn gallu ystyried busnes sy'n gysylltiedig â'r Siop Gymunedol, yr Hyb a Swyddfa'r Post os na chaiff y gollyngiad hwn ei ganiatáu.

11. Pŵer i wneud y Penderfyniad

11.1. a81(4) Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 fel y'i diwygiwyd.

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Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

GWYDDELWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Appendix 1

Name of Councillor	Dyfan Meirion Roberts
Address	
Ward	Gwyddelwern
Nature of Dispensation sought	The ability to speak and vote
Level of Dispensation sought (i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)	Speak & Vote
Relevant Paragraph under which Dispensation is requested (see overleaf)	The loss of members would mean less than half of the county council would be left to vote on the matter meaning a vote would not be able to be conducted <p style="text-align: right;">Please input relevant Paragraph</p>
Details of the Prejudicial Interest	I am a first cousin to the spouse of a partner in the business and great friends with both her and her spouse which would have a business interest in the business which will be formed should planning be given. I would not gain financially out of the project proposed.
Details of any position of responsibility/control held on Council (e.g. Chairman/Vice-Chairman)	N/A

Signed: 	Date: 05/12/2-24
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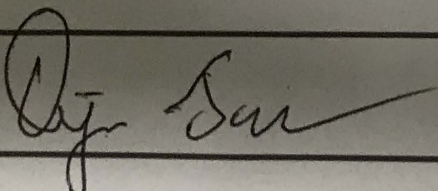
Circumstances when a Standards Committee may grant Dispensations

The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 specifies that the Council's Standards Committee may grant dispensations under Section 81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000 where:

- (a) no fewer than half of the Members of the Council or of a committee of the Council (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the Members of the Executive of the Council (i.e. Leader and Cabinet) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) Members' inability to participate would upset the political balance of the Council, or any of its committees by which the business is to be considered, to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (d) the nature of the Member's interest is such that the Member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business;
- (e) the interest is common to the Member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the Member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the Member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the registerable interest relates to business, which is to be considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council, and the Member's interest is not a pecuniary/financial interest;
- (h) the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the Member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the Council and the Member has no other interest in that business, provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; or
- (i) it appears to the Standards Committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the Council that the disability should be removed, provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within 7 days. Such a notification should specify the Member to whom the dispensation would apply and the Standards Committee's reasons why the disability should be removed.
- (j) it appears to the committee to be otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Name of Councillor	HŪR WYN JONES
Address	CWS 1 Lh [REDACTED]
Ward	GWYDDELBWRN
Nature of Dispensation sought	TO VIEW AND OPINION ON YNI TYN CRYN FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS AND WHAT FUTURE FOR COMMUNIT
Level of Dispensation sought (i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)	SPRAK AND VOTE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF GWYDDELBWRN
Relevant Paragraph under which Dispensation is requested (see overleaf)	A + B
Details of the Prejudicial Interest	SECOND COUSIN TO PARTNER OF LAND OWNER SON, ON PROPOSED SITE OF BARRER CONTAINERS YNI TYN CRYN
Details of any position of responsibility/control held on Council (e.g. Chairman/Vice-Chairman)	

Signed: 	Date: 5/12/24
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Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001/2279

reg. 2 Circumstances in which dispensations may be granted



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- (b) no fewer than half of the members of a leader and cabinet executive of the relevant authority by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) in the case of a county or county borough council, the inability of the member to participate would upset the political balance of the relevant authority or of the committee of the authority by which the business is to be considered to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
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- (f) the participation of the member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the business to which the interest relates is to be considered by an overview and scrutiny committee of the relevant authority and the member's interest is not a pecuniary interest;
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Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct					
Report by:	Councillor Irving				
Political Group:	Conservatives				
No. of members:	7	No. trained on Code: 100%			
For the period:	31st March 2023 – 1 April 2024				
Number, Source and Level of Complaints					
	Informal	Local Resolution (Stage)			PSOW
		1	2	3	
Public (1 in total)	0				
Officers	0				
Councillors	0				
Steps taken to Promote Compliance (To Be Completed by Group Leader)					
Include matters such as:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demonstrating personal commitment to and attending relevant development or training around equalities and standards; - encouraging group members to attend relevant development or training around equalities and standards; - ensuring nominees to a Committee have received the recommended training for that Committee; 					

My report covers the period that I have been in post, October 1st 2023 to March 31st 2024.. Member training is up to date and I have taken every opportunity at Group meetings to remind members that they should always show civility and respect to other members, officers and members of the public.

- promoting civility and respect within group communications and meetings and in formal Council meetings:
- promoting informal resolution procedures in the Council, and working with the Standards Committee and monitoring officers to achieve local resolution;
- promoting a culture within the group which supports high standards of conduct and integrity;
- attend a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee if requested to discuss Code of Conduct issues;

This has been well adhered to except that one member has attracted comment for some of his remarks and I have special efforts to guide him as to what is or is not appropriate. For one set of remarks, at my instigation, he offered the officer concerned a full and unreserved public apology. I continue to work with him and offer guidance and I do understand that some of his remarks are made out of frustration with lack of progress in matters of concern to him. I am happy to work with other group leaders and the Standards Committee to support high standards of conduct within the Council. I have warned members about quoting unverified facts and statistics in general debate .

- work to implement any recommendations from the Standards Committee about improving standards;
- work together with other group leaders, within reason to collectively support high standards of conduct within the Council.

I have met with the monitoring officer on a number of occasions and believe we have a good open and honest relationship and hope we can continue this for the good of all in the future.

I note the requirement to encourage new Committee Members to attend relevant training before taking up duties with a new Committee.

I am happy to attend and work with the Standards Committee going forward with the overall objective of maintaining and improving standards of conduct by members and will always attempt to set and lead by example.

<u>Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct</u>					
Report by:	Cllr Jason McLellan				
Political Group:	Labour				
No. of members:	17	No. trained on Code:		100 (Y%)	
For the period:	01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024				
<u>Number, Source and Level of Complaints</u>					
	Informal	Local Resolution (Stage)			PSOW
		1	2	3	
Public					1 complaint reached the Ombudsman who declined to investigate as the conduct complained of was unlikely to amount to a breach of the Code
Officers					
Councillors					
<u>Steps taken to Promote Compliance</u> <u>(To Be Completed by Group Leader)</u>					

Include matters such as:

- demonstrating personal commitment to and attending relevant development or training around equalities and standards;
- encouraging group members to attend relevant development or training around equalities and standards;
- ensuring nominees to a Committee have received the recommended training for that Committee;

As a group leader, and Leader of Denbighshire County Council I am aware of my duties under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 in maintaining high standards of conduct and promoting equalities. I take this duty very seriously. I remain a believer that local authorities should be more reflective of the diverse communities and people they serve.

The Labour Group is bound by standing orders drafted by the Labour Party and agreed by members which encourage and promote good conduct, diversity and equality.

I have a new Labour Whip for the group, Cllr James May. Cllr May has a background in the trade union movement, works for Unison and is completely dedicated to the promotion of equalities. I have a new Deputy Leader, Cllr Julie Matthews, who is also cabinet member who is responsible for equalities and HR. I am happy that these senior roles in the Labour Group are occupied by councillors who are completely dedicated to the promotion of equalities and good conduct.

The last year in Denbighshire has been dominated by discussions around budget cuts. Throughout this process every decision is filtered through an Equality Impact assessment as required. Cabinet decisions explicitly ask that members consider Well Being Assessments.

Members of my group and I have attended training on awareness of Gypsy, Roma and Traveler communities. Similarly, I have attended a Racism Awareness course. Both Courses were arranged by the WLGA.

I am WLGA spokesperson for Social Justice. In this role I had the pleasure of meeting Vicky Tennant UK representative to the UNHCR, to discuss a number of matters.

- promoting civility and respect within group communications and meetings and in formal Council meetings;
- promoting informal resolution procedures in the Council, and working with the Standards Committee and monitoring officers to achieve local resolution;
- promoting a culture within the group which supports high standards of conduct and integrity;
- attend a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee if requested to discuss Code of Conduct issues;

Within the Labour group itself harassment or intimidation of members for any reason, or on the basis of gender, age, sexual orientation and gender identity, race, religion or disability is unacceptable conduct and subject to disciplinary action.

Members of the Labour group must sign and abide by any codes of conduct as may be agreed by the local authority from time to time. All members must sign up to the local code within two months of it being adopted, or they cease to be a member of the council. Members of the Labour group must sign any other legal requirements relating to acceptance of office. Members must refer any wrong-doing by other members to the Group Whip and to the Local Government Ombudsman in Wales and/or local Standards Committee and the Group Whip should immediately consider appropriate action if any Labour councillor is referred to a Standards body.

There is an expectation that Labour leadership positions and in particular Labour cabinets should where possible reflect the diversity of the area represented by the local authority and to deliver at least a gender balance of leadership positions to reflect the make-up of the group. I am pleased that the cabinet is now five female members and four male members.

I am grateful that no Labour member has been referred to Standards, but if they were I as leader would ensure that they fully complied with all procedural aspects and any adverse findings would also be dealt with by the group and group whip. In respect of the issue that was referred to the Ombudsman there was a finding that there was no case to answer

- work to implement any recommendations from the Standards Committee about improving standards;
- work together with other group leaders, within reason, to collectively support high standards of conduct within the Council.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct					
Report by:	Councillor Huw H Roberts				
Political Group:	Independent				
No. of members:	No. trained on Code:				100 %
For the period:	31 st March 2023 – 1 April 2024				
Number, Source and Level of Complaints					
	Informal	Local Resolution (Stage)			PSOW
		1	2	3	
Public	2				2
Officers	0				
Councillors	0				
Steps taken to Promote Compliance (To Be Completed by Group Leader)					
Include matters such as:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demonstrating personal commitment to and attending relevant development or training around equalities and standards; - encouraging group members to attend relevant development or training around equalities and standards; - ensuring nominees to a Committee have received the recommended training for that Committee: 					

<p>I am personally committed to the principle that members should avail themselves of the training opportunities that are provided to them and encourage members of the group to attend relevant training. Every member of the Independent Group has received Code of Conduct training.</p> <p>All members of the group who sit on the Planning and Licensing Committees have attended the relevant mandatory training courses that have been provided.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promoting civility and respect within group communications and meetings and in formal Council meetings; - promoting informal resolution procedures in the Council, and working with the Standards Committee and monitoring officers to achieve local resolution; - promoting a culture within the group which supports high standards of conduct and integrity; - attend a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee if requested to discuss Code of Conduct issues;
<p>I hold regular meetings with the group and we will often discuss issues around conduct. I will relay to the group any relevant messages arising from group leader meetings pertaining to conduct. The group leader meetings are attended by the CEO and Monitoring Officer. While these meetings cover a wide range of topics we do sometimes consider issues relating to conduct. We have in the past discussed issues such as the issue of some members talking or making remarks while others are speaking. As group leaders we have agreed to remind our members of the appropriate standards and I have done so within my group.</p> <p>I believe in informal resolution of issues and am more than willing to get involved in brokering local resolution of issues. These are thankfully rare.</p> <p>At our group meetings we will discuss conduct issues from time to time and I will remind members of their responsibilities particularly before potentially contentious meetings.</p> <p>I have provided some informal coaching to less experienced members.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work to implement any recommendations from the Standards Committee about improving standards; - work together with other group leaders, within reason to collectively support high standards of conduct within the Council.
<p>I have the greatest respect for the Standards Committee and am particularly pleased that the Independent Group is represented on the committee. I welcome guidance and recommendations from the Committee and am committed to ensuring high standards in my group and across the Council.</p> <p>As noted above the group leaders do discuss conduct issues. I believe that it is important that group leaders set an example and I feel that the way in which our group leader meetings are conducted is open and constructive. While we may not agree on every issue we are able to have those discussions in a respectful way. Maintaining these relationships makes it easier to deal with difficult issues including those relating to conduct. I think we all understand our responsibility and are prepared to work together to maintain high standards.</p>

Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct					
Report by:	Councillor Delyth Jones				
Political Group:	Plaid Cymru				
No. of members:	8	No. trained on Code:			100 %
For the period:	31 st March 2023 – 1 April 2024				
Number, Source and Level of Complaints					
	Informal	Local Resolution (Stage)			PSOW
		1	2	3	
Public	0				
Officers	0				
Councillors	0				
Steps taken to Promote Compliance (To Be Completed by Group Leader)					
Include matters such as:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demonstrating personal commitment to and attending relevant development or training around equalities and standards; - encouraging group members to attend relevant development or training around equalities and standards; - ensuring nominees to a Committee have received the recommended training for that Committee: 					

As group leader I am committed to fully comply with all relevant training events to support high levels of standard of personal conduct including equalities, code of conduct and other standards issues.

Group leader and Plaid Cymru group members have and will complete all mandatory training in connection with their statutory role relating to planning and licensing committees in a full and timely manner.

As group leader I am committed to ensure all group members are supported to be able to complete relevant, necessary training events associated with their roles, including mandatory training at the point of appointment to such committees. Plaid Cymru members have committed to attend optional Equalities and Diversity training arranged by Cllr Julie Matthews and this demonstrates their commitment to ensuring updated knowledge in this area.

Group correspondence has highlighted and drawn members attention to relevant equalities and standards training to be provided by the Authority or relevant outside bodies in order to draw attention and encourage all members to participate fully with such training. Group leader to liaise with relevant DCC officers should the timing of such training sessions prove to be challenging for members in order to encourage full compliance.

100 pc attendance by the party on Code of Conduct training for this term as delivered by the Monitoring Officer.

Plaid Cymru Group meetings agenda to include an item relating to required code of conduct on a quarterly basis. Agenda item designed to provide an opportunity to discuss expected standards of conduct including identifying relevant training requirements and to set the tone of expectation. Group leader to liaise with DCC officers should requests be made.

- promoting civility and respect within group communications and meetings and in formal Council meetings:
- promoting informal resolution procedures in the Council, and working with the Standards Committee and monitoring officers to achieve local resolution;
- promoting a culture within the group which supports high standards of conduct and integrity;
- attend a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee if requested to discuss Code of Conduct issues;

No complaints have been received regarding Plaid Cymru members which supports the groups values and culture in promoting civility and respect in all its dealings.

The group leader will conduct all Plaid Cymru group and individual member meetings in such a way as to foster good relationships where informal resolution pathways may be actively pursued should the need arise.

The group leader commits to attending any such meetings as requested by the Standards committee in order to discuss Code of conduct issues.

All Plaid Cymru group members are fully aware of and to my knowledge have followed the requirements to declare personal and prejudicial interests during their dealings with DCC business.

- work to implement any recommendations from the Standards Committee about improving standards;
- work together with other group leaders, within reason to collectively support high standards of conduct within the Council.

The Group leader will foster good open relations with the Monitoring Officer in order to anticipate any member- member relations that may need input and to address any issues at an early stage.

The Group leader will raise with the MO and will engage with relevant areas of training that could be of use in meeting the duty. Eg understanding the Councils Local Resolution Procedure for Member- Member complaints or issues.

Group Leaders have collectively met with the Chair of the Standards Committee – it is recognized that there is a need to maintain an arms length relationship and to work with the Committee on suggested approaches.

Plaid Cymru group leader has attended a meeting with the chair of the Standards Committee in order to discuss requirements and has cascaded to the group suggestions for improving / maintaining good standards.

Plaid Cymru group leader has worked to foster a professional relationship with all other group leaders in order to set an example to other group members and within reason to collectively support high standards of conduct within the council.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct					
Report by:	Councillor Hogg				
Political Group:	Green Party				
No. of members:	2	No. trained on Code:			100 %
For the period:	31 st March 2023 – 1 April 2024				
Number, Source and Level of Complaints					
	Informal	Local Resolution (Stage)			PSOW
		1	2	3	
Public	0				
Officers	0				
Councillors	0				
Steps taken to Promote Compliance (To Be Completed by Group Leader)					
<p>This year we have continued to have regular weekly, informal group chats, which is easy considering we are a small group of 2 members.</p> <p>We are all up to date with our Code of Conduct training.</p> <p>We are both signed up for Equalities and Diversity Training which is soon to be delivered.</p> <p>I can feed back any information brought to the Group Leaders meetings around conduct during our meetings. For example, recent feedback from the MO around the amount of heckling at full council was discussed and taken on board. Although full council is tame compared to a House of Commons debate, we shared the view that heckling and back chat does not look professional. It was noted that high profile agenda items, such as the budget, will prompt political comments that will be met with disdain amongst</p>					

members and with no time for everyone to voice discontent at every comment made, it is inevitable that some heckling and back chat will occur during heated debate. As a group, we will strive to keep this to a minimum to keep standards as high as possible.

We discuss working relationships with officers and are happy that we both hold respect for officers and, hopefully, gain the respect from officers in the way that we seek out information and support on issues. We have no issues regarding working with officers but would welcome any feedback that would help us improve relations if necessary.

As a group leader, I continue to learn from other more experienced group leaders from the larger groups and take an interest, and discuss where appropriate, their actions to address standards issues.

I've learned, through a particular experience during full council, what it means to "speak through the chair". This seemingly obvious rule of committee meeting etiquette was a lesson best learned through experience, in my opinion, and I will take that knowledge forward with me to future committee meetings. This was again discussed at our group meetings when we raised it as a standards issue.

We have raised issues regarding conduct that we felt important through the Group Leaders meetings, such as one member's inaccurate citing of newspaper articles in full council without any proper reference to the source of information. It was not deemed necessary to take any action to prevent this type of action in council meetings and it would be up to members to decide whether any information brought up in council that no one else had prior foresight of, should influence their decisions or not. We were happy that we could raise issues of concern and discuss them with other group leaders and will continue to use this forum as a sounding board for issues and a source of advice on any further action.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

Adroddiad i'r	Pwyllgor Safonau
Dyddiad y cyfarfod	13 Rhagfyr 2024
Aelod Arweiniol / Swyddog	Julie Matthews, Aelod Arweiniol Polisi, Cydraddoldeb a Strategaeth Gorfforaethol
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth	Gary Williams, Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Llywodraethu a Busnes
Awdur yr Adroddiad	Gary Williams, Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Llywodraethu a Busnes
Teitl	Gweithdrefn Ddatrys Leol Awdurdodau Lleol

1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

- 1.1. Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn ymwneud â meysydd o arfer da a amlygwyd gan Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru yn dilyn adolygiad diweddar o Weithdrefnau Datrys Lleol Awdurdodau Lleol.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

- 2.1. Er mwyn amlygu'r meysydd o arfer da a nodwyd yn dilyn adolygiad diweddar o Weithdrefnau Datrys Lleol Awdurdodau Lleol gan Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

- 3.1. Bod y Pwyllgor yn cydnabod y meysydd o arfer da a amlygwyd gan Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru.
- 3.2. Bod y Pwyllgor yn cefnogi adolygu Gweithdrefn Ddatrys Leol Sir Ddinbych i sicrhau ei fod yn adlewyrchu'r arferion da eraill a nodwyd gan Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru.

4. Manylion yr Adroddiad

4.1. Mae Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru wedi cynnal adolygiad o Weithdrefnau Datrys Lleol yn ddiweddar er mwyn nodi meysydd o arfer da a helpu awdurdodau lleol i ddatblygu eu gweithdrefnau.

4.2. Nodwyd bod meysydd o arfer da yn Sir Ddinbych a gaiff eu hargymell i awdurdodau eraill. Sef:

- Safonau ymddygiad a ddisgwyllir gan aelodau
- Penderfyniadau priodol y gellir eu gwneud dan Weithdrefn Ddatrys Leol (GDL)

4.3. Rhai o'r meysydd eraill o arfer da a amlygwyd oedd:

- Materion sy'n addas i'w hystyried dan GDLI a'r rhai nad ydynt yn addas: Caerffili, Abertawe
- Materion sy'n addas i'w hystyried dan GDLI a'r rhai nad ydynt yn addas: Caerffili, Abertawe
- Cynnwys adran ar rôl Arweinwyr Grwpiau. Ceredigion, Abertawe a Gwynedd

4.4. Mae copi o Weithdrefn Ddatrys Leol Sir Ddinbych ynghlwm er gwybodaeth. Bydd adolygiad o'r ddogfen hon yn cael ei gynnal i sicrhau ei fod yn adlewyrchu meysydd o arfer da a nodwyd mewn manau eraill.

5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at Gynllun Corfforaethol 2022 i 2027: Y Sir Ddinbych a Garem?

5.1. Bydd hyn yn cyfrannu at flaenoriaeth y Cyngor mewn perthynas â Chyngor sy'n cael ei gynnal yn dda, ac sy'n uchel ei berfformiad.

6. Faint fydd hyn yn ei gostio a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

6.1. Nid oes unrhyw gostau'n gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn.

7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Les?

7.1. Nid chwblhawyd asesiad o'r effaith ar les gan nad yw'n berthnasol.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi'u cynnal gyda Chraffu ac eraill?

8.1. Ni chynhaliwyd unrhyw ymgynghoriad.

9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

9.1. Nid oes angen datganiad Prif Swyddog Cyllid.

10. Pa risgiau sydd ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

10.1. Nid oes unrhyw risgiau yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn.

Mae tudalen hwn yn fwriadol wag

Adroddiad i'r	Pwyllgor Safonau
Dyddiad y cyfarfod	13 Rhagfyr 2024
Aelod Arweiniol /	
Swyddog	Gary Williams, Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol, Llywodraethu a Busnes/ Swyddog Monitro
Awdur yr adroddiad	Gary Williams, Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Llywodraethu a Busnes / Swyddog Monitro.
Teitl	Adroddiad Blynyddol y Cadeiryddion

1. Am beth mae'r adroddiad yn sôn?

Mae'r adroddiad hwn i'r Pwyllgor Safonau i alluogi'r Pwyllgor llawn gael golwg a chyfrannu at Adroddiad Blynyddol y Cadeirydd, cyn i'r eitem gael ei chyflwyno i'r Cyngor llawn. Mae'r adroddiad drafft ynghlwm fel Atodiad 1.

2. Beth yw'r rheswm dros lunio'r adroddiad hwn?

Cytunwyd gan Aelodau'r Pwyllgor hwn y dylai Adroddiad Blynyddol gael ei gyflwyno ar waith y pwyllgor a'i ganfyddiadau a'i arsylwadau, i holl Aelodau'r Cyngor bob blwyddyn fel rhan o ymgyrch y Pwyllgor i wella safonau ymddygiad moesegol ac i gydymffurfio â Chod Ymddygiad yr Aelodau.

3. Beth yw'r Argymhellion?

Bod yr Aelodau yn:

- 3.1 Nodi cynnwys yr adroddiad.
- 3.2 Darparu sylwadau i'r Swyddog Monitro ar gynnwys yr adroddiad i sicrhau ei fod yn adlewyrchu barn y Pwyllgor hwn yn gywir.
- 3.3 Argymhell bod y Cadeirydd yn cyflwyno hwn i'r Cyngor Llawn

4. Manylion yr Adroddiad

Mae'r adroddiad drafft ynghlwm yn Atodiad 1 i'w ystyried.

5. Sut mae'r penderfyniad yn cyfrannu at y Blaenoriaethau Corfforaethol?

Mae Pwyllgor Safonau cwbl weithredol a chynrychioliadol ac sy'n cynnal y safonau uchel a ddisgwylir gan Aelodau yn helpu i ategu'r modd y mae'r Cyngor yn gweithredu ei swyddogaethau democrataidd.

6. Faint fydd hyn yn ei gostio a sut y bydd yn effeithio ar wasanaethau eraill?

Nid oes unrhyw gost ychwanegol yn gysylltiedig â'r adroddiad hwn ac nid oes unrhyw oblygiadau ar gyfer y gwasanaethau eraill o ganlyniad i'r adroddiad hwn.

7. Beth yw prif gasgliadau'r Asesiad o Effaith ar Les?

Nid yw'n ofynnol asesu'r effaith ar les.

8. Pa ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi'u cynnal gyda Chraffu ac eraill?

Nid oes unrhyw ymgynghoriadau eraill wedi eu hystyried yn ofynnol; yr adroddiad hwn yw'r ymgynghoriad â'r Pwyllgor Safonau ac maent yn fodlon bod yr adroddiad yn adlewyrchu safbwynt y Pwyllgor a'r Cadeirydd o ran cadw at God Ymddygiad Aelodau yn y Sir a sylwadau o ran uniondeb a moeseg yn gyffredinol.

9. Datganiad y Prif Swyddog Cyllid

Amherthnasol.

10. Pa risgiau sydd ac a oes unrhyw beth y gallwn ei wneud i'w lleihau?

Nid oes unrhyw risg wedi'i nodi.

11. Pŵer i wneud y penderfyniad

Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000; Rheoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Cymru) 2001 a Rheoliadau Pwyllgorau Safonau (Cymru) (Diwygiad) 2006.

RHAGLEN WAITH Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU

SYLWER: CYNHELIR SESIWN HYFFORDDIANT FER 30 MUNUD AR GYFER HOLL AELODAU'R PWYLLGOR SAFONAU CYN POB CYFARFOD

SYLWER BOD Y RHAGLEN I'W DOSBARTHU 1 WYTHNOS CYN Y CYFARFOD

CYFARFODYDD BLAENOROL

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD	EITEMAU / MEYSYDD ADRODDIAD	AWDUR YR ADRODDIAD
1 Mawrth 2024	Eitemau Sefydlog –	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ombwdsmon y Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus 'Ein Canfyddiadau'	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)
	Eitem Sefydlog: Presenoldeb mewn Cyfarfodydd	Aelodau Annibynnol
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ceisiadau Goddefebau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)
	Eitem Sefydlog: Rhaglen Waith y Pwyllgor Safonau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)
	Eitem Sefydlog Rhan 2: Trosolwg o Gwynion yn Sir Ddinbych	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)
	Eitemau Adroddiad –	
	Diweddariad Fforwm Safonau Cenedlaethol	(Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)
	Canllawiau Statudol ac Anstatudol ar gyfer Prif Gyngorau sy'n berthnasol i'r Pwyllgor Safonau	(Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)
	Adborth o gyfarfod y Grŵp Cyswilt Moesegol (wedi'i drefnu dros dro ar gyfer 8 Rhagfyr)	(Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)
	Y Diweddaraf am Gymharu Casgliadau Panel Recriwtio'r Pwyllgor Safonau	(Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)

	Egluro Elfennau o'r Canllaw Statudol sy'n ymwneud â'r Pwyllgor Safonau, Rhan 2: Adrannau 5, 6 a 7 ynghyd â Rhan 4 (Yr Atodlen, Adran 6 a Rhaglen ac adroddiadau, Adran 15.80 (Papurau Cefndir), Cadeirio Cyfarfodydd, Adran 15.138 ymlaen).	(Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	
	Adolygiad o faint a chyfansoddiad y Pwyllgor Safonau.	(Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	
DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD	EITEMAU / MEYSYDD ADRODDIAD	AWDUR YR ADRODDIAD	DYDDIAD Y CYFLWYNWYD DIWEDDARWYD GAN
7 Mehefin 2024 (Awgrymwyd hyfforddiant ar y CBCau gan y Swyddog Monitro ar gyfer y sesiwn friffio)	Eitemau Sefydlog –		
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ombwdsmon y Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus 'Ein Canfyddiadau'	Elinor Cartwright (Cyfreithwraig Dan Hyfforddiant)	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Presenoldeb mewn Cyfarfodydd	Aelodau Annibynnol	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ceisiadau Goddefebau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
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	Eitem Sefydlog Rhan 2: Trosolwg o Gwynion yn Sir Ddinbych	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
	Eitemau Adroddiad –		
	Adolygiad o faint a chyfansoddiad y Pwyllgor Safonau.	(Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	05/03/24 RhTJ
	Adroddiadau Arweinwyr y Grwpiau Gwleidyddol	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro) / (Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	05/03/24 RhTJ
	Diweddariad Fforwm Safonau Cenedlaethol	(Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	05/03/24 RhTJ
	Cyfarfod y Grŵp Cyswllt Moesegol	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro) / (Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	05/03/24 RhTJ
	Trosolwg o'r gofrestr rhoddion a lletygarwch.	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro) / (Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	05/03/24 RhTJ
13 Medi 2024	Eitemau Sefydlog –		

	Eitem Sefydlog: Ombwdsmon y Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus 'Ein Canfyddiadau'	Elinor Cartwright (Cyfreithwraig Dan Hyfforddiant)	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Presenoldeb mewn Cyfarfodydd	Aelodau Annibynnol	
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	Eitem Sefydlog: Rhaglen Waith y Pwyllgor Safonau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
	Eitem Sefydlog Rhan 2: Trosolwg o Gwynion yn Sir Ddinbych	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
	Eitemau Adroddiad –		
	Cydyfarfod gyda Chynghorau Cymuned, Dinas a Thref	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro) / (Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	05/03/24 RhTJ Gohiriwyd tan 06/12/24 NH
	Cyfnod Swydd Aelodau'r Pwyllgor Safonau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro) / (Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	05/08/24 SLW
	Adroddiadau Arweinwyr Grwpiau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	05/08/24 SLW
	Hyfforddiant Cod Ymddygiad - trosolwg o'r ddarpariaeth ar gyfer Cynghorau Sir a Thref, Dinas a Chymuned	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro) / (Dirprwy Swyddog Monitro)	05/08/24 SLW
13 Rhagfyr 2024	Eitemau Sefydlog –		
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ombwdsmon y Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus 'Ein Canfyddiadau' gan gynnwys Panel Dyfarnu Cymru	Elinor Cartwright (Cyfreithwraig Dan Hyfforddiant)	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Presenoldeb mewn Cyfarfodydd	Aelodau Annibynnol	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ceisiadau Goddefebau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Rhaglen Waith y Pwyllgor Safonau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
	Eitem Sefydlog Rhan 2: Trosolwg o Gwynion yn Sir Ddinbych	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
	Eitemau Adroddiad –		
	Adroddiad Blynyddol Drafft y Pwyllgor Safonau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	05/03/24 RhTJ
	Recriwtio Aelodau Annibynnol newydd i'r Pwyllgor Safonau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	7/10/24 NH
	Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	5/12/24 NH
	Adroddiad Arweinwyr Grwpiau Gwleidyddol	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	5/12/24 NH

7 Mawrth 2025	Eitemau Sefydlog –		
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ombwdsmon y Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ‘Ein Canfyddiadau’ gan gynnwys Panel Dyfarnu Cymru	Elinor Cartwright (Cyfreithwraig Dan Hyfforddiant)	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Presenoldeb mewn Cyfarfodydd	Aelodau Annibynnol	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ceisiadau Goddefebau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
	Eitem Sefydlog: Rhaglen Waith y Pwyllgor Safonau	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	
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	Eitemau Adroddiad –		
	Diweddariad Fforwm Safonau Cenedlaethol	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	05/08/24 SLW
	Cod Ymddygiad ar gyfer Swyddogion	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	05/08/24 SLW
	Trosolwg o’r gofrestr rhoddion a lletygarwch	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	Gohiriwyd o 13/12/24 NH
	Cydygyfarfod gyda Chynghorau Cymuned, Dinas a Thref	Gary Williams (Swyddog Monitro)	Gohiriwyd o 13/09/NH
6 Mehefin 2025	Eitemau Sefydlog –		
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ombwdsmon y Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ‘Ein Canfyddiadau’ gan gynnwys Panel Dyfarnu Cymru	Elinor Cartwright (Cyfreithwraig Dan Hyfforddiant)	
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	Eitemau Adroddiad –		

12 Medi 2025	Eitemau Sefydlog –		
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ombwdsmon y Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ‘Ein Canfyddiadau’ gan gynnwys Panel Dyfarnu Cymru	Elinor Cartwright (Cyfreithwraig Dan Hyfforddiant)	
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	Eitemau Adroddiad –		
5 Rhagfyr 2025	Eitemau Sefydlog –		
	Eitem Sefydlog: Ombwdsmon y Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus ‘Ein Canfyddiadau’ gan gynnwys Panel Dyfarnu Cymru	Elinor Cartwright (Cyfreithwraig Dan Hyfforddiant)	
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Eitemau i'w hystyried yn y dyfodol

Cyfarfod i'w Gadarnhau	Cydggyfarfod gyda Chynghorau Cymuned, Dinas a Thref	
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