

# **GWYNEDD COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE**

**(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020)**

**14 June 2021**

## **Virtual Meeting**

### **Attendance:**

**Elected Members:** Councillors Anne Lloyd Jones, Beth Lawton and Dewi Roberts

**Independent Members:** Mr Aled Jones, Mr Hywel Eifion Jones, Miss Margaret E. Jones and Dr Einir Young (Chair)

**Also in attendance:** Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Sion Huws (Senior Solicitor - Corporate), Miriam Roberts (Professional Trainee - Legal) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

**Apologies:** Mr Richard Parry Hughes (Community Council Member) and Dave Wareing (Independent Member)

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**SUBJECT**

Item 1: ELECTION OF CHAIR

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**DECISION**

**To elect Dr Einir Young as Chair of this Committee.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 2: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

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**DECISION**

**To elect Mr Hywel Eifion Jones as Vice-chair of this Committee.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 7: THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

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### **DECISION**

**To approve the annual report to be submitted to the full Council on 8 July, subject to adding an introduction and foreword by the Chair and Monitoring Officer.**

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### **THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021 - CHANGES TO THE ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

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### **DECISION**

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- (1) Subject to the publication of guidance by Welsh Government, steps should be taken to provide training for Political Group Leaders on the requirements and how they can be met.**
  - (2) The Standards Committee should establish a Protocol for implementing, cooperating and monitoring implementation of the duty by December 2021 and do so in co-operation with Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the current Political Groups.**
  - (3) These matters should be incorporated into the Committee's Work Programme.**
  - (4) Invite the Monitoring Officer to continue with the work, and arrange a workshop at a particular point in order to nurture the relationship between Leaders of Political Groups and members of this Committee.**
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### **THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 9: THE OMBUDSMAN'S CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK

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### **DECISION**

**To accept the report.**

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### **THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 10: ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS

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### **DECISION**

**To note the information and the intention to arrange a special meeting to deal with the outcome of an investigation which has been referred to the Standards Committee by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.**

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### **THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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