

# **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)**

**8 November 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

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

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

**Community Committee Member:** Mr Richard Parry Hughes

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

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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: REVIEW OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR WALES

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**DECISION**

To accept the report for information, and establish a Task and Finish Group, to include the Chair of the Standards Committee, together with one elected member (Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones), one independent member (Mr Dave Wareing) and Community Committee Member (Mr Richard Parry Hughes) with the support of the Senior Solicitor (Corporate), to discuss the findings of the Independent Review of the Ethical Standards Framework for Wales, giving particular attention to the following matters, and to submit recommendations to the next meeting of the Standards Committee on 14 February, 2022:-

- The future format of the Standards Committee;
  - How to make the committee more visible and operational within the Council; and
  - How to strengthen and make the connection between the committee and various Council services, e.g. Democratic Services, more prominent.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	9
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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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 6: ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS

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**DECISION**

To note the information.

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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 7: THE OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

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**DECISION**

To note the report.

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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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