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CAERNARFON
Gwynedd
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Meeting

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.30 am, MONDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 2023

Location

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

(For public access to the meeting, please contact us)

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Membership

Elected Members (3)

Councillors

Anne Lloyd-Jones
Beth Lawton
Dewi Owen

Independent Members (with a vote) (5)

Aled Jones
David Wareing
Hywel Eifion Jones
Mark Jones
[vacant seat]

Community Committee Member (with a vote) (1)

Richard Parry Hughes

A G E N D A

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

*To elect a Chair for this committee.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

*To elect a Vice-chair for this committee.

**N.B. – The relevant regulations state:-*

“Only an independent member of the Standards Committee may be the Chair and Vice-Chair.”

3. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

5. URGENT MATTERS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chair for consideration.

6. MINUTES

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The Chair shall propose that the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee held on 21st November, 2022 be signed as a true record.

7. ACTION PLAN BASED ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE CONSULTATION WITH A SELECTION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLERKS

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To submit the report of the Propriety and Elections Manager.

8. THE GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY REGISTER FOR MEMBERS

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To submit the report of the Monitoring Officer.

9. NATIONAL FORUM FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEES

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To submit the report of the Vice-chair of the Standards Committee.

10. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

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To submit the report of the Monitoring Officer.

11. THE OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22 40 - 188

To submit the report of the Propriety and Elections Manager.

12. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS 189 - 192

To submit the report of the Propriety and Elections Manager.

13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair shall propose that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion on the following item due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 18C, Part 4, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. This paragraph should apply because it concerns the deliberations of the Standards Committee in reaching a finding on a matter referred to it by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

It is believed that the information should not be disclosed so that the councillor is not prejudiced by any possible publicity of the case before any hearing. Consequently the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

14. REPORT BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ON AN INVESTIGATION INTO A COMPLAINT AGAINST A COUNCILLOR

To submit the report of the Propriety and Elections Manager (separate copy for committee members only).