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## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE, 26/10/21**

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**Present:**

**Elected Members:** Councillors 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:** Sion Huws (Senior Solicitor – Corporate) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer)

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones.

**2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

**3. URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent matters were raised.

**4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 18C, Section 4, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972. This paragraph applied because it concerned the deliberations of the Standards Committee in reaching a decision on a matter referred to it by the Public Standards Ombudsman for Wales. It was believed that the information should not be disclosed so that the councillor was not prejudiced by any possible publicity of the case before any hearing. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

**5. APPLICATION FOR INDEMNITY BY A COUNCILLOR UNDER THE COUNCIL'S POLICY**

Submitted – the report of the Senior Solicitor (Corporate) inviting the committee to determine the application for indemnity from a councillor under the Council's indemnity terms for Members and Officers.

**RESOLVED**, having looked very carefully at the application, and considering Gwynedd Council's Indemnity Policy attached as Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the committee, that the Chair should write to inform the member that the Standards Committee is not in a position to offer him indemnity in relation to legal representation at a hearing of the Standards Committee. The case the councillor is defending deals entirely with his role as a Town Council Councillor. Any decision would impact on that role only, and would not have any effect on the councillor's role as a member of Gwynedd Council.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.55am.

**CHAIR**