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To: Edward Michael Hughes (Chairman)

Councillors: Patrick Heesom, Paul Johnson and Arnold Woolley

### **Co-opted Members**

Robert Dewey, Jonathan Duggan-Keen, Phillipa Ann Earlam and Kenneth Harry Molyneux

26 September 2017

#### Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee which will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday, 2nd October, 2017 in the Town Council Offices, Quay Building, Fron Road, Connah's Quay CH5 4PJ to consider the following items

## \* Please note the time and venue for the meeting \*

#### AGENDA

# 1 APOLOGIES

**Purpose:** To receive any apologies.

# 2 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)</u>

**Purpose:** To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

# 3 **MINUTES** (Pages 3 - 10)

**Purpose:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2017.

### 4 PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES

**Purpose:** Mr Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, will attend to give a presentation on the following topic:

'Welsh Government is proposing reforms to all levels of local government including the introduction of the general power of competence. Ahead of those reforms taking effect, is there anything that you think local government needs to do in order to prepare and specifically do you consider any changes might be needed to the code of conduct and the ethical regime'

There will be an opportunity for Town and Community Council representatives and committee members to ask questions of the Ombudsman and to debate the issues raised.

### 5 **DISPENSATIONS**

Purpose: To receive any requests for dispensations.

# 6 **REVIEW OF DISPENSATIONS** (Pages 11 - 14)

**Purpose:** To receive a follow-up report to that considered at the previous meeting.

# 7 MEETING OF THE NORTH WALES STANDARDS COMMITTEES FORUM

**Purpose:** The next meeting of the Forum will take place on 24 November 2017 at Wrexham. Are there are any issues which the Committee would like to put on the agenda? The deadline for suggested items is 13 November.

#### 8 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 15 - 16)

**Purpose:** For the Committee to consider topics to be included on the attached Forward Work Programme.

Yours sincerely

Robert Robins
Democratic Services Manager