

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Standards Committee on Monday, 5 March 2018**

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>A1</b>	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	None.
<b>A2</b>	Minutes	That subject to the amendment, the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
<b>A3</b>	Dispensations	<p>(a) That County Councillor Mike Peers be granted dispensation under paragraphs (e) and (f) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to speak for five minutes at Planning Committee and make written representations on planning applications 057514 and 057295, or any application which, in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer, is similar. Councillor Peers is to leave the meeting after speaking, before the application is debated and voted on. The dispensation to be granted for 12 months, ceasing on 5 March 2019; and</p> <p>(b) That County Councillor Mike Peers be granted dispensation under paragraphs (e) and (f) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to speak for five minutes at Planning Committee and make written representations on planning application 057689, or any application which, in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer, is similar. Councillor Peers is to leave the meeting after speaking, before the application is debated and voted on. The dispensation to be granted for 12 months, ceasing on 5 March 2019.</p>
<b>A4</b>	Visits to Town and Community Councils	<p>(a) That the guidelines in paragraph 1.03 the report be amended to reflect that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent members of the Committee wishing to participate be provided with meeting dates and contact details to enable them to notify Clerks in advance of visits;</li> <li>• a rota of visits is not to be published;</li> <li>• that the member should advise the Clerk to the council of his/her intention to visit a specific meeting;</li> <li>• that each attendee introduces themselves to the Clerk when they arrive at the</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>meeting and then takes a seat in the public gallery;</li> <li>• that the attendee should not speak at the meeting unless invited to do so, and should only explain the nature and purpose of the programme of visits;</li> <li>• that the attendee should decline to give specific advice on matters under the code such as declaring interests, and should refer any such requests to the Clerk, Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer instead;</li> <li>• Verbal feedback to be reported to the Committee to enable comments to be approved before submitting to Town and Community Councils; and</li> </ul> <p>(b) That the Committee receive a report from officers on the financial implications of making the visits an official duty for the purposes of co-opted member allowances.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Overview of Ethical Complaints	<p>(a) That the number and types of complaints be noted; and</p> <p>(b) That future reports provide clarity on different councils and members using numbers and letters to differentiate them without identifying.</p>
<b>A7</b>	Meeting of the North Wales Standards Committees Forum	<p>(a) That the Monitoring Officer advise the Committee of the date of the meeting; and</p> <p>(b) That the Monitoring Officer submit an agenda item to consult on social media practices/protocols operated by other councils.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Forward Work Programme	That the Forward Work Programme be updated.