

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

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A1	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	<p>On the advice of the Monitoring Officer, Councillors Heesom, Mackie and Woolley declared a personal interest on Agenda Item 7 as they were school governors.</p> <p>On Agenda Item 4, Councillor Carver declared a personal and prejudicial interest due to his dispensation requests and would leave the room after speaking on that item.</p>
A2	Minutes	That subject to the amendments, the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
A3	Dispensations	<p>(a) That Community Councillors Clive Carver and Cheryl Carver be granted dispensation under paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (h) and (i) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to speak to Hawarden Community Council in person or by telephone on matters relating to the Hawarden Institute, provided there was at least one witness, which would ensure that there were at least three people involved in the conversation, and that the conversation be minuted. Also, that Councillors Carver be allowed to make contact in writing if they wish. The dispensation to be granted for 12 months, ceasing on 5 February 2019; and</p> <p>(b) That the dispensation request from County Councillor Clive Carver in respect of discussion on non-domestic rates be refused on the basis that he does not have a prejudicial interest on the matter.</p>
A5	Code of Conduct for School Governors	<p>(a) That the report be noted; and</p> <p>(b) That Members who are themselves school governors ensure they are aware of their school's own Code of Conduct.</p>

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A6	Social Media Protocol	<p>(a) That the Committee continues to rely on the WLGA social media guidance;</p> <p>(b) That the following be asked to submit any suggestions for updating or improving the guidance to the WLGA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Wales Standards Forum • The Council's Monitoring Officer, Head of Democratic Services, the Communications Team and ICT Manager; and <p>(c) That the Committee makes representations to the WLGA on the need to update the guidance to reflect the wider platform of social media channels and highlight the potential dangers to users.</p>
A7	Training for Town and Community Councillors	<p>(a) To put the slides produced for the training that was delivered to new and returning Town and Community Councillors, and a link to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' (PSOW) video about his role in relation to matters of Councillor conduct, on the Council's website, so that they can be viewed by Town and Community Councillors;</p> <p>(b) To circulate a skills audit questionnaire to Clerks of Town and Community Councils to establish which Clerks and Councillors have received training; and</p> <p>(c) To consider the next steps at a future meeting of the Committee.</p>
A8	Forward Work Programme	That the Forward Work Programme be updated.