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To: Robert Dewey (Chairman)

Councillors: Patrick Heesom, Paul Johnson and Arnold Woolley

Co-opted Members:

Jonathan Duggan-Keen, Phillipa Earlam, Julia Hughes and Kenneth Molyneux (+ 1 vacancy for a co-opted member)

29 October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee which will be held at **6.00 pm** on Monday, 4th November, 2019 in the Clwyd Committee Room, County Hall, Mold CH7 6NA to consider the following items

* Members are asked to note the start time of the meeting at 6.00pm

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

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

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 MINUTES (Pages 3 - 8)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2019.

4 **DISPENSATIONS**

Purpose: To receive any requests for dispensations.

Members of the press/public will be able to remain in the room whilst an application for dispensation is presented to the Committee and will be able to return to hear the Committee's decision. However, under Paragraph 18C Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 the Committee will exclude the press and public from the meeting whilst it deliberates on any application for a dispensation.

5 <u>REPORTS FROM INDEPENDENT MEMBER VISITS TO TOWN/</u> <u>COMMUNITY COUNCILS</u>

- **Purpose:** To receive verbal reports from independent members of the Committee on their visits to the following councils:
 - Shotton Town Council (Ken Molyneux 07.10.19)

6 LIAISON WITH THE COUNCIL ON ETHICAL ISSUES (Pages 9 - 12)

Purpose: To finalise arrangements for regular liaison meetings between the Leader and Chair of the Council and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Standards Committee.

7 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (PSOW) CASEBOOK ISSUE 21 (APRIL 2019 – JUNE 2019) AND ISSUE 22 (JULY 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2019) (Pages 13 - 22)

Purpose: To inform the Committee of the latest publications of the Public Services Ombudsman's Code of Conduct Casebook.

8 UPDATE ON THE VACANCY FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER

Purpose: Verbal report on recruitment to fill the current vacancy on the Committee for an Independent Member (co-optee).

9 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 23 - 26)

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

Yours faithfully

Robert Robins Democratic Services Manager