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Co-opted Members:

David Wynn Davies, Jacqueline Guest, Mark Morgan, Gill Murgatroyd
and Ian Papworth

29 August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 at 6.30 PM

*** Please note that a training session for the Standards Committee members
will be held from 6.00pm to 6.30pm**

Yours faithfully

Steven Goodrum
Democratic Services Manager

The meeting will be live streamed onto the Council's website. The live streaming will stop when any confidential items are considered. A recording of the meeting will also be available, shortly after the meeting at <https://flintshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact a member of the Democratic Services Team on 01352 702345.

A G E N D A

1 **APOLOGIES**

Purpose: To receive any apologies.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)**

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

3 **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 10)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2023.

4 **DISPENSATIONS** (Pages 11 - 12)

Purpose: One has been received from Councillor Debbie Owen and is attached to the agenda.

Members of the press/public will be able to remain at the meeting 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.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

5 **REPORTS FROM INDEPENDENT MEMBER VISITS TO TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Purpose: To receive verbal reports from independent members of the Committee on their visits to the following councils:

- Flint Town Council (Jacqueline Guest 20.03.23)
- Shotton Town Council (Jacqueline Guest – 03.04.23)
- Queensferry Community Council (Jacqueline Guest 09.05.23)
- Hawarden Community Council (Jacqueline Guest 10.07.23)

6 **RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ON THE PRODUCTION OF COUNCILLOR NEWSLETTERS** (Pages 13 - 20)

Purpose: Each Council term we survey Members to see whether they need/want to use Council resources to publish their Ward Newsletters. This report is to provide the results of that survey.

7 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ETHICAL LIAISON MEETING** (Pages 21 - 24)

Purpose: To ask Members for suggested topics of discussion at the next meeting between the Chair/Vice Chair of the Committee and Senior Councillors.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8 **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES' "MY FINDINGS" PUBLICATION** (Pages 25 - 38)

Purpose: To consider the summary of cases, related to alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct (the Code), as published by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) in their publication "My Findings" ("My Findings").

9 **OVERVIEW OF ETHICAL COMPLAINTS** (Pages 39 - 50)

Purpose: That the Committee notes the number and type of complaints.

10 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 51 - 54)

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

Please note that there may be a 10 minute adjournment of this meeting if it lasts longer than two hours