

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Standards Committee on Monday, 7 January 2019**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
<b>A1</b>	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping Declarations)	On the dispensation request from Councillor Peers (Agenda Item 4), officers advised Members with links to housing associations to declare a personal interest only if they felt it necessary. Julia Hughes declared a personal interest as she was a board member of another housing association and chose not to participate in that discussion.
<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 Flintshire County Councillor Adele Davies-Cooke be granted dispensation under paragraph (d) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to make verbal and written representations to officers of Flintshire County Council on planning application 058118, or any application which, in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer, is similar. This allows for speaking to officers provided there is at least one witness, which will ensure that there are at least three people involved in the conversation, and that the conversation be minuted. When the item is considered at Planning Committee, Councillor Davies-Cooke is to leave the meeting before the application is debated and voted on. The dispensation to be granted for 12 months, ceasing on 7 January 2020; and</p> <p>(b) That the dispensation request from County Councillor Mike Peers in respect of discussion at Planning Committee on matters relating to Pennaf Housing Group be refused on the basis that he does not have a prejudicial interest on the matter. The request for permission to speak on the same matter at other Council meetings is also refused given there is insufficient information.</p>

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<b>A4</b>	The Council's Planning Code of Practice	<p>(a) That the Planning Code of Practice is fit for purpose regarding the advice relating to the Members' Code of Conduct and the Protocol on Officer/ Member relations, subject to the proposed amendment referred to in paragraph 1.05 of the report and the additional changes listed above; and</p> <p>(b) That the Planning Code of Practice be reported to the Council's Constitution &amp; Democratic Services Committee with advice from this Committee that it be amended in accordance with recommendation 1 above.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Officers' Code of Conduct	<p>(a) That the proposed changes to the explanatory guidance and forms in the Officers' Code of Conduct be approved; and</p> <p>(b) That the revised Officers' Code of Conduct be submitted for consultation to the next meeting of the Flintshire Joint Trade Union Committee and the outcome reported back to the Standards Committee.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Reports from Independent Member visits to Town/Community Councils	That the verbal reports be received and feedback given to the four Town and Community Councils.
<b>A7</b>	Forward Work Programme	That the Forward Work Programme be noted.