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To:

Councillors: Patrick Heesom, Paul Johnson and Arnold Woolley

Co-opted Members:

Jonathan Duggan-Keen, Phillipa Earlam, Julia Hughes, Mark Morgan and Gill Murgatroyd

4 May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 10TH MAY, 2021 at 6.30 PM

Please note that a training session for the Standards Committee members will be held from 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully

Robert Robins
Democratic Services Manager

Please note: This will be a remote meeting and 'attendance' will be restricted to Committee Members and those Members of Council who have asked the Head of Democratic Services for an invitation. Such attendees may only speak at the Chair's discretion.

The meeting will be live streamed onto the Council's website. 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 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Purpose: Nominations will be sought for a Chair for the Committee.

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Purpose: Nominations will be sought for a Vice-Chair for the Committee.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

Purpose: To receive any Declarations and advise Members accordingly.

5 MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2021.

6 DISPENSATIONS

Purpose: To receive any requests for dispensations.

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.

7 REVIEW OF DISPENSATION PROCEDURES AT CONWAY, DENBIGHSHIRE AND WREXHAM COUNCILS (Pages 11 - 14)

Purpose: To compare and contrast how other Councils in North Wales process applications for dispensation

8 REPORTS FROM INDEPENDENT MEMBER VISITS TO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Purpose: To receive verbal reports from Independent Members of the Committee on their visits to the following meetings:

- 03.03.21 – Planning Committee (Jonathan Duggan-Keen)
- 18.03.21 – Education & Youth Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Phillipa Earlam)
- 24.03.21 – Audit Committee (Phillipa Earlam)
- 24.03.21 – Constitution & Democratic Services Committee (Jonathan Duggan-Keen)

9 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (PSOW) CASEBOOK ISSUE 24 (JANUARY 2020 – DECEMBER 2020) (Pages 15 - 26)

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

10 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES FOR 2018/19 AND 2019/20

Purpose: To receive a verbal update on the Annual Reports of the Adjudication Panel for Wales for 2018/19 and 2019/20

<https://adjudicationpanel.gov.wales/sites/adjudicationpanel/files/2020-04/APW%20annual%20report%202018-19.pdf>

<https://adjudicationpanel.gov.wales/sites/adjudicationpanel/files/2020-10/apw-annual-report-19-20.pdf>

11 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 27 - 30)

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

Procedural Note on the conduct of meetings

The Chair will open the meeting and introduce themselves.

The meeting will be attended by a number of Councillors. Officers will also be in attendance to present reports, with Democratic Services officers acting as hosts of the meeting.

All attendees are asked to ensure their mobile phones are switched off and that any background noise is kept to a minimum.

All microphones are to be kept muted during the meeting and should only be unmuted when invited to speak by the Chair. When invitees have finished speaking they should go back on mute.

To indicate to speak, Councillors will use the chat facility or use the electronic raise hand function. The chat function may also be used for questions, relevant comments and officer advice and updates.

The Chair will call the speakers, with elected Members addressed as 'Councillor' and officers addressed by their job title e.g. Chief Executive' or name. From time to time, the officer advising the Chair will explain procedural points or suggest alternative wording for proposals, to assist the Committee.

If and when a vote is taken, the Chair will explain that only those who oppose the proposal(s), or who wish to abstain will need to indicate, using the chat function. The officer advising the Chair will indicate whether the proposals are carried.

If a more formal vote is needed, this will be by roll call – where each Councillor will be asked in turn (alphabetically) how s/he wishes to vote

At County Council and Planning Committee meetings speaker's times are limited. A bell will be sounded to alert that the speaker has one minute remaining

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