

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Standards Committee on Monday, 1 November 2021**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
<b>A2</b>	Minutes	That subject to the above amendment, the minutes be approved as an correct record.
<b>A4</b>	Penn Review of the Ethical Standards Framework	<p>(a) That the Committee notes the findings of the report;</p> <p>(b) That the Monitoring Officer explores whether a national forum for Independent Members can be established; and</p> <p>(c) That the Committee receives training on hearings only when a hearing was imminent.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Standards Forum Pre-Briefing	That members of the Committee contact the Monitoring Officer with any further suggestions/comments on the agenda for the next meeting of the Standards Forum.
<b>A7</b>	Overview of Ethical Complaints	That the Committee notes the number and type of complaints.
<b>A8</b>	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) Annual Letter	That having had regard to the PSOW's annual letter and having noted that the complaints submitted during 2020/21 either led to findings of no evidence of a breach of the Code, or were discontinued or withdrawn, the Committee concludes that no action was needed.
<b>A9</b>	Forward Work Programme	That the Forward Work Programme be noted.
<b>A10</b>	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	That the press and public be excluded from the meeting as the item was considered to be exempt by virtue of paragraph 18C of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
<b>A11</b>	DISPENSATIONS	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>That Councillor Clive Carver and Hawarden Community Councillor Pauline Cheryl Carver be granted dispensation to write to or speak with officers; to write to, speak and/or answer questions at Council/Committee meetings or Working Group; if speaking outside a formally minuted meeting there needs to be 4 people present and the meeting must be minuted; if</p>

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		<p>speaking at Committee it must be an 'open' committee or if speaking to a Working Group the meeting must be minuted.</p> <p>The Committee had not granted dispensation to remain in the room during any debate or to vote.</p> <p>The dispensation to be granted for a period of 12 months ending on 31 October 2022 under paragraphs (d) (i) and (j) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001.</p>