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**Co-opted Members:**

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

1 November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING**  
**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2022 at 6.30 PM**

**Please note that a training session 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 5 September 2022.

### **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

### **4 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.

### **5 ITEMS RAISED BY TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

**Purpose:** To discuss any ethical issues or the work of the Standards Committee raised by Town and Community Councils.

### **6 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:

- Northop Community Council (Julia Hughes – 10.10.2022)
- Northop Hall Community Council (Julia Hughes – 11.10.2022)
- Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council (Gill Murgatroyd - 13.10.2022)
- Halkyn Community Council (Gill Murgatroyd - 17.10.2022)

7 **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NATIONAL FORUM** (Pages 11 - 16)

**Purpose:** To receive and note the Terms of Reference for the National Forum

8 **ROLLING REVIEW OF THE MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT** (Pages 17 - 40)

**Purpose:** We check all Codes and Protocols at least once per Council Term to ensure they are pertinent and up to date. This is the check of the Members Code of Conduct.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

9 **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES' "MY FINDINGS" PUBLICATION** (Pages 41 - 86)

**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").

10 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 87 - 88)

**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***