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**Co-opted Members:**

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

31 October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING**  
**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 2023 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 - 12)

**Purpose:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023.

### **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** (Pages 13 - 14)

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

### 6 **FEEDBACK FROM THE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS' VISITS TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS** (Pages 15 - 28)

**Purpose:** To provide an overarching feedback in respect of all the visits to Town and Community Councils.

### 7 **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:

- 10.10.23 - Environment and Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee (David Davies)
- 17.10.23 - Cabinet (Gill Murgatroyd)
- 19.10.23 - Education, Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee (David Davies)
- 24.10.23 - Flintshire County Council (Mark Morgan)

8 **ROLLING REVIEW OF THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT** (Pages 29 - 32)

**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.

9 **SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE NATIONAL FORUM FOR CHAIRS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

**Purpose:** Do Members have any suggestions for items they would like to see discussed at the National Forum for Chairs of Standards Committees in January?

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

10 **FEEDBACK FROM THE ETHICAL LIAISON MEETING** (Pages 33 - 36)

**Purpose:** To provide feedback from the Ethical Liaison Meeting.

11 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 37 - 40)

**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***