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Co-opted Members:

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

2 January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 2024 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 - 14)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 6 November and 4 December 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 **CONFIDENTIAL WHISTLEBLOWING PROCEDURE** (Pages 15 - 34)

Purpose: Rolling Review of the Confidential Whistleblowing Procedure

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:

- Higher Kinnerton Community Council – revisit - (Ian Papworth 21.11.23)

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:
- 15.11.23 - Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Julia Hughes)
 - 29.11.23 – Clwyd Pension Fund Committee (Mark Morgan)
 - 06.12.23 – Flintshire County Council (Julia Hughes)
 - 14.12.23 – Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Mark Morgan)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 35 - 38)

- Purpose:** For the Committee to consider topics to be included on the attached Forward Work Programme.

9 OVERVIEW OF ETHICAL COMPLAINTS (Pages 39 - 50)

- Purpose:** That the Committee notes the number and type of complaints.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following appendix is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The appendix relates to a particular individual and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10 OVERVIEW OF ETHICAL COMPLAINTS - APPENDIX 2

- Purpose:** A copy of the appendix will be available to members of the Standards Committee only.

Please note that there may be a 10 minute adjournment of this meeting if it lasts longer than two hours