

**Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Standards Committee on Monday, 8 January 2024**

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>A2</b>	Minutes	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>That subject to the above amendment the minutes were approved as an accurate record.</p>
<b>A4</b>	Confidential Whistleblowing Procedure	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>That the recommended amendments to the Procedure, as agreed by the Committee during the meeting, be approved and the Procedure be amended and submitted to the Governance and Audit Committee for further consideration.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Reports from Independent Member Visits to Town & Community Councils	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>That the verbal report be received and feedback given to Kinnerton Community Council.</p>
<b>A6</b>	Reports from Independent Member visits to County Council meetings	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>That the Committee notes the verbal feedback to be shared with all Members.</p>
<b>A7</b>	Forward Work Programme	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>That subject to the above amendment the Forward Work Programme be approved.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Overview of Ethical Complaints	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>That the number and type of complaints be noted.</p>

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<b>A9</b>	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the meeting as 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).</p> <p>The appendix relates to a particular individual and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>
<b>A10</b>	Overview of Ethical Complaints - Appendix 2	<p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <p>(a) The Monitoring Officer would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• warn Councillors that the use of social media carries the same risk, due to its immediacy, as speaking in public. Councillors therefore need to exercise as much care using social media as they would when speaking publicly; and</li> <li>• chase for progress on delivering the requested training on respectful communications.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The Committee will take the findings into account when preparing its Annual Report</p>