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Co-opted Members:

David Wynn Davies, Ros Griffiths, Jacqueline Guest, Mark Morgan and Gill Murgatroyd

27 August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF REMOTE MEETING
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 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 - 18)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd June 2024 and 1st July 2024.

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.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

5 REPORT FROM INDEPENDENT MEMBER VISITS TO COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Purpose: To receive a verbal report from an Independent Members of the Committee on her visit to the following meeting:

- County Council – 22.07.24 (Jacqueline Guest)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6 OVERVIEW OF ETHICAL COMPLAINTS (Pages 19 - 32)

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

7 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 33 - 34)

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

8 PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023/24 (Pages 35 - 182)

Purpose: To share with the committee the Annual Report published by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

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

The following item is considered to be exempt by virtue of Paragraph(s) 18c of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The report contains information from a report by Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to a forthcoming hearing, which was received by the council in confidence. The public interest in withholding the information outweighs the interest in disclosing it until such time as the information is revealed during the hearing.

9 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT - UPDATE ON HEARING ARRANGEMENTS

Purpose: To update members of the Standards Committee on correspondence with the parties following the pre-hearing review and seek authorisation for officers to liaise with the parties to confirm final arrangements for the hearing.

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