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Co-opted Members:

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

7 January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF HYBRID MEETING
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 2025 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

Please note: Attendance at this meeting is either in person in the Delyn Committee Room, Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire or on a virtual basis.

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 - 16)

Purpose: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 30 September, 21 October, 4 November and 2 December 2024.

4 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

Purpose: Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5 DISPENSATIONS (Pages 17 - 20)

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

6 REVIEW OF THE INDEMNITY POLICY FOR MEMBERS (Pages 21 - 48)

Purpose: To review the policy.

7 SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR STANDARDS FORUM

Purpose: A verbal item to allow Members of the Standards Committee to put forward items for the Standards Forum.

8 SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ETHICAL LIAISON MEETING

Purpose: To ask Members for suggested topics of discussion at the next meeting between the Chair/Vice Chair of the Committee and Senior Councillors.

9 **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES CONSULTATION ON THE NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINTS** (Pages 49 - 62)

Purpose: To consider the proposed responses to the consultation.

10 **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 63 - 64)

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

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11 **FEEDBACK FROM ETHICAL LIAISON MEETING**

Purpose: To provide feedback from the Ethical Liaison Meeting.

12 **OVERVIEW OF ETHICAL COMPLAINTS** (Pages 65 - 72)

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following item is considered to be confidential within the meaning of Section 100A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The Council is under a legal duty pursuant to the Local Government Act 2000 not to disclose the information to anyone other than the members of its Standards Committee.

The report relates to a particular individual and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The report relates to the deliberations of a Standards Committee or a Sub-Committee of a Standards Committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any conclusion on a matter referred to it.

13 **OUTCOME OF PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES INVESTIGATION REFERENCE 202300532** (Pages 73 - 92)

Purpose: To consider the outcome of an investigation by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

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