



**CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

COMMITTEE SUMMONS

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The Pavilions
Cambrian Park
Clydach Vale CF40 2XX

Meeting Contact: Marc Jones - Democratic Services Officer (07385 401845)

YOU ARE SUMMONED to a Hybrid meeting of **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** to be held on **FRIDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 2022** at **10.00 AM**.

Non Committee Members and Members of the public may request the facility to address the Committee at their meetings on the business listed although facilitation of this request is at the discretion of the Chair. It is kindly asked that such notification is made to Democratic Services by Wednesday, 16 November 2022 on the contact details listed above, including stipulating whether the address will be in Welsh or English.

AGENDA

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1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest: and
2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

2. TO ELECT A CHAIRPERSON

To elect a Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2022/2023.

3. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRPERSON

To appoint a Vice-Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year

2022/2023.

4. MINUTES

To approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2022.

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REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

5. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2022 - 2023

To consider a draft Work Programme for the Committee for the Municipal Year 2022 -2023.

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6. ORAL UPDATE - CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

7. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS 2022

To receive a summary of Complaints against Members from the 1st March 2022 – 31st October 2022.

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8. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - ANNUAL REPORT AND LETTER 2021-2022

To receive a summary of Code of Conduct matters as set out in the Ombudsman's Annual Report and Letter to this Council 2021 – 22.

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9. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - RECENT INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES - 'OUR FINDINGS'

To consider the summary of investigation outcomes concerning alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct as published by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) for the period 1st April 2021 – 31st October 2022.

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10. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES - RECENT TRIBUNAL DECISIONS

To receive information in respect of recent Adjudication Panel Decisions.

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11. DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

To consider an application for dispensation made in accordance with The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

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12. GROUP LEADERS' DUTIES IN RESPECT OF STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

To consider the arrangements to be put in place in order to comply with the new duties of political group leaders in relation to standards of conduct and corresponding new duties placed on standards committees (introduced by Part 4 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, ('the 2021 Act').

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13. ORAL UPDATE - PSOW LETTER TO STANDARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS & UPDATED OMBUDSMAN GUIDANCE

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14. NATIONAL FORUM FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

To seek Members' views on this proposal.

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15. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items, which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

Circulation:-

Independent Members – D. Bowen, J. Thomas and H. John.

County Borough Councillors: A. Ellis and G. Hughes

Community Councillor L. Law

(Reserve Community Councillor Member: C. A. Thomas)

Officers:

Mr A Wilkins, Monitoring Officer

Mr C. Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services and Communication