



DECISION RECORD - STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Decision record of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on Monday, 13 November 2023

ATTENDANCE

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| PRESENT | | | |
| Independent Members in attendance: | Mr D. Bowen (Chair) | Mr J. Thomas | Mrs H. John |
| Community Council Representative Members in attendance: | Mr C.A.Thomas | | |
| APOLOGIES | County Borough Councillors: A J Ellis Councillor G Hopkins | | |

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| REVIEW OF THE MEMBER - OFFICER RELATIONS PROTOCOL | <p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To review the Council’s existing Member - Officer Relations Protocol, attached at Appendix 1 to the report; ii. To review examples of other local authority Member-Officer Relations Protocols that have recently been reviewed/amended, attached at Appendices 2A – 2C to the report; iii. To consider whether any amendments should be made to the Council’s Member-Officer Relations Protocol as a result of the reviews proposed in paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 above; iv. To agree the Monitoring Officer be tasked with presenting a revised protocol, based on the Committee’s recommendations, to the next meeting of the Standards Committee for consideration and review by Members. v. To note any revised/amended Member-Officer Relations Protocol would need to be approved by the Full Council following a recommendation from this Committee. | None | 13 November 2023 | Unanimous |

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| ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES' ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023 | It was RESOLVED : i. To note the contents of the Adjudication Panel for Wales' Annual Report 2022-2023 contained at Appendix 1 to the report. | None | 13 November 2023 | Unanimous |
| PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - ANNUAL REPORT AND LETTER 2022-2023 | It was RESOLVED : i. To note the matters relating to Code of Conduct Complaints reported in the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' Annual Report and Annual Letter to this Council 2022-2023 | None | 13 November 2023 | Unanimous |
| PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES - SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS - 30TH AUGUST 2023 - 31ST OCTOBER - 2023 AND INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES | It was RESOLVED : i. To note that no complaints had been received during the reported period. | None | 13 November 2023 | Unanimous |

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| PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES – RECENT INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES – ‘OUR FINDINGS’ | It was RESOLVED: i. To note and consider the contents of the summary of investigation outcomes concerning alleged breaches of the Members’ Code of Conduct, originally published by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on the ‘our findings’ section of her website and attached as Appendix 1 to the report (for the period 30th August 2023 – 31st October 2023). | None | 13 November 2023 | Unanimous |
| APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION – COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR M. POWELL | It was RESOLVED: i. To grant County Borough Councillor Michael Powell a dispensation to speak and vote on all matters relating to the Children’s Services department (within the Community and Children’s Group), save for any specific matters that directly affect his wife, who is employed by the Council in the Children’s Services department as a Contact Worker, with such dispensation being reviewed by the Standards Committee on an annual basis. | None | 13 November 2023 | Unanimous |

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