



STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Forward plan of proposed Committee Business for the 2022 - 2023 Municipal Year

Specific Period: - November 2022 – April 2023

N.B – The work programme is subject to change to take account of any additional / deletion of reports, including any new consultative documents or legislative initiatives from the Welsh Government, which require urgent attention, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales referrals and hearings under the Council’s Local Resolution Protocol – Standards of Conduct to be followed by Members

Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
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NOVEMBER 2022	18.11.22
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Draft Standards Committee Work Programme	To consider a draft Work Programme for the Committee for the Municipal Year 2022 - 2023	Monitoring Officer	Open	Chair of the Committee
Code of Conduct Training	To receive an oral update from the Monitoring Officer on the completion of Code of Conduct training following the 2022 May Local Elections	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Summary of Complaints 2022-2023	Summary of Complaints against Members from the 1 st April 2022 – 31 st October 2022	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Annual Report and Letter 2021 - 2022	To provide Members with a summary of Code of Conduct matters as set out in the Ombudsman’s Annual Report and Letter to this Council 2021 – 2022	Monitoring Officer	Open	Cabinet / Governance & Audit Committee
Public Service 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) on the ‘our findings’ section of her website for the period 1st April 2021 – 31st October 2022.	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Adjudication Panel Decisions	To provide an information report in respect of any recent Adjudication Panel Decisions not previously reported	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Dispensation Application	To consider an application for dispensations made in accordance with The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
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	Monitoring Officer	Open	None

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Letter to Chair of Standards Committees from Michelle Morris, PSOW and revised PSOW Code of Conduct Guidance	To consider the PSOW letter to Chairs of Standards Committees including the publication of revised PSOW guidance on the Code of Conduct	Monitoring Officer	Open	Group Leaders
National Forum for Standards Committee Chairs – Draft Terms of Reference	To update Members in respect of the National Forum for Standards Committee Chairs and consider the Forum’s draft Terms of Reference.	Monitoring Officer	Open	Wales Monitoring Officers/ Standards Committees

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Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Summary of Complaints 2022-2023	Summary of Complaints against Members from the 1 st November 2022 – 1 st March 2023	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Review of the Council’s Member-Officer Protocol	To consider whether any updates/amendments are required to the Council’s Member-Officer Protocol and propose any recommendations to Full Council	Monitoring Officer	Open	Full Council are required to approve any amendments
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Our Findings Summaries	To consider the Our Findings summaries for the relevant period	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Adjudication Panel Decisions	To provide an information report in respect of any recent Adjudication Panel Decisions not previously reported	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Standards Committee Annual Report 2022 - 2023	To consider a draft Standards Committee annual report for the Municipal Year 2022 -2023	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Adjudication Panel For Wales Annual Report 2021-2022	To consider the Adjudication Panel For Wales’ Annual Report 2021-2022 following publication	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Update on Welsh Government (WG) review of the Ethical and Standards Framework in Wales and Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021	To receive an update in respect of aspects of the Act relating to the terms of reference of the Standards Committee and associated ethics issues and on the WG review of the Ethical and Standards Framework in Wales	Monitoring Officer	Open	None

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MISCELLANEOUS (the following items to be considered as and when appropriate / necessary during the Municipal Year)				
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – ‘Our Findings’ summaries	To provide information in respect of the publication of the ‘our findings’ summaries by the Public Services Ombudsman For Wales	Monitoring Officer	Open	
Dispensation Applications	To consider applications for dispensations made in accordance with The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001	Monitoring Officer	Open	
Local Resolution Protocol – Standards of Conduct To Be Followed By Members	To consider complaints made under Stage 2 of the Local Resolution Protocol	Monitoring Officer	Open	
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Members Code of Conduct Complaints	To consider any allegations that a Member has failed or may have failed to comply with the Members Code of Conduct contained in a report of the Public Services Ombudsman For Wales undertaken under Section 69 of the Local Government Act 2000	Monitoring Officer	Open	
Review of Standards Committee Member’s Training Needs	To consider any requirements in respect of Committee Members’ training needs	Monitoring Officer	Open	