

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013

**PRESENT:** Mrs H. Rhydderch-Roberts (Chairman)  
Mrs J. Evans, Mrs M. Harris, Mrs S. Jarman, Mr R. Miller, County Councillors Mrs  
M. Mackenzie and P. Medicott.

**Officers in attendance:** Ms S. Tamboo (Solicitor – Corporate).

1.	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>S11 – 2013</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Mrs K. Roberts-Jones and G. Williams who were unable to sit at the Hearing as they had previously declared personal and prejudicial interests in the matter to be heard.

2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>S12 – 2013</b>
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No declarations of interest were received.

3.	<b>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</b>	<b>S13– 2013</b>
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The Committee considered an application that the public should be excluded from the hearing and:

**RESOLVED that the public should not be excluded from the consideration of the report from the Public Services Ombudsman's Office.**

3.	<b>OMBUDSMANS REPORT</b>	<b>S14 – 2013</b>
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The Committee received a report by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on an investigation into an allegation made against Councillor Gary Price of Powys County Council. Councillor Price attended the meeting to respond to the Ombudsman's Report. Representatives from the Ombudsman's Office were also in attendance.

4.	<b>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</b>	<b>S15– 2013</b>
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The Committee considered the advice of the Solicitor - Corporate and

**RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 10 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.**

<b>5.</b>	<b>DETERMINATION</b>	<b>S16– 2013</b>
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The Committee determined that Councillor Gary Price had failed to comply with the Authority's Code of Conduct and should be suspended from being a member of the Powys County Council for a period of one month. The Chair advised Councillor Price of his right to appeal the determination.

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Chairman