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STANDARDS COMMITTEE Monday, 5th December, 2022

The use of Welsh by participants is welcomed. If you wish to use Welsh please inform us by noon, two working days before the meeting

SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

1.	MINUTES
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee as a correct record.

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2.	WORK PROGRAMME
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To consider the format of the Work programme and content.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD AT HYBRID MEETING - ZOOM - COUNTY HALL ON THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Mr S Hays (Chair)

Independent Members: Mrs C Moore, Mr JGoolden, Mr R Stafford-Tolley and Mr N Steward

County Councillors: I McIntosh and L Rijnenberg

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor M Beecham.

2.	MINUTES
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 17 February 2022 and 15 July 2022 as correct records.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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No declarations were received.

4.	REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
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The Committee received the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy filed with signed minutes).

The Deputy Monitoring Officer advised that Brecknockshire Town and Community Councils representative had already served the relevant term of office and therefore could not be re-appointed. A new nomination process and ballot, if required, would be undertaken.

RESOLVED:	
<p>1. That the Standards Community Sub-Committee comprise the undermentioned 8 Members:</p> <p>(i) All 5 Independent (Lay) Members of the Standards Committee.</p> <p>(ii) County Councillor Iain McIntosh nominated by the Standards Committee.</p> <p>(iii) Community Councillor Richard White (Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council) – elected by the Town and Community Councils in Montgomeryshire.</p> <p>(iv) Town Councillor Nigel Dodman (New Radnor Community Council) –</p>	<p>To constitute the Standards Community Sub-Committee.</p>

elected by the Town and Community Councils in Radnorshire.

2. That the terms of office of the 5 Independent (Lay) Members be for the remainder of their terms of office as Independent Members on the main Standards Committee.

3. That the terms of office of the County Councillor and Town and Community Councillors be for the maximum term permitted by the existing regulations or by any amending regulations (currently a maximum of five years) or until they cease to be Councillors or resign whichever shall first occur.

4. That a postal election is undertaken for the Brecknockshire Town and Community Councils representative due to the nominated member having already served the relevant term of office.

After the meeting the Committee and Community Sub-Committee undertook training on their roles and responsibilities which was provided by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

Mr S Hays (Chair)

Standards Committee Work programme

Standing items on agendas:

- Monitoring Officer report – Code of conduct training, Attendance, Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman, Dispensation requests.
- Other items – Ombudsman Wales – Our Findings reports and Committee’s Work Programme

8 February 2023

Topic	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards Committee Annual report 	Approval of Annual Report for submission to Council	Chair and Monitoring Officer	Prepare a report for Council.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Leaders duties 	To monitor compliance by leaders of political groups and assist them in their new duties.	Committee and Monitoring Officer	<p>Training to be provided to Group Leaders by Monitoring Officer</p> <p>Request a short report from Group Leaders on members conduct/concerns</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting Members to observe the Code of Conduct 	To observe Council and Committee meetings to consider any issues relating to standards and conduct for discussion by the Committee.	Committee	Agree process and forms for recording observations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whistleblowing Policy 	Review the policy	Committee	Review policy

14 June 2023

Topic	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting members to observe the Code of Conduct 	<p>Consider any reports from observations of Members at committee meetings and agree any actions. Review the process and form, amend and add as standing item on agendas.</p>	<p>Committee and Monitoring Offer</p>	<p>Observing councillors in committee/Council meetings – report back to Committee</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the Register of Interest of Members, Co-opted members and Church and Parent Governor Representatives and Officers 	<p>To review the Register of Interest</p>	<p>Committee</p>	<p>Complete an annual review</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and review the acceptance of gifts and hospitality by Members. 	<p>To review the register</p>	<p>Committee</p>	<p>Complete an annual review</p>

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25 October 2023

Topic	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the Council's rules and protocols on accountability of members 	<p>Review Section 21 [Protocol on Member / Officer Relations] and Section 25 [Local Resolution Process] of Constitution</p>	<p>Committee</p>	<p>Two yearly review</p>

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