

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD AT  
COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON  
FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2016 – 10AM**

**PRESENT**

Independent (Lay) Member Mrs H Rhydderch-Roberts (Chair)

Independent (Lay) Members: Mrs C Jackson, Mrs J Evans, Mr S Hays and Mrs S Jarman,

County Councillors: K M Roberts-Jones, K S Silk and G I S Williams

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>S37-2016</b>
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No apologies for absence were received.

<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>S38-2016</b>
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A declaration of interest had been received from County Councillor Medicott ahead of the meeting. Councillor Medicott is currently an Independent Member of the Council but has applied to be a candidate for the Welsh Conservative Party at the next local elections in May 2017. This is the same political group as the Member to which this meeting relates.

<b>3.</b>	<b>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</b>	<b>S39-2016</b>
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**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 8 of The Council's Access to Information Rules.**

<b>4.</b>	<b>REPORT OF THE DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER</b>	<b>S40-2016</b>
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The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' investigation into allegation of a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>I) that the Committee adhere to the procedures set out in appendix 1 to the report for the determination of this matter</b>	<b>To comply with its obligations under the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended).</b>
<b>II) that the Member subject to the report from the Ombudsman be given the opportunity to make representations in respect of the findings of the investigation and any allegation that they may have failed to comply with the members' code of conduct</b>	<b>To comply with its obligations under the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended).</b>

**Mrs H Rhydderch-Roberts (Chair)**