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Standards Committee

Meeting Venue
**Committee Room A - County Hall,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys**

Meeting date
Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Meeting time
10.30 am



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AGENDA

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| 1. | MINUTES | S18-2017 |
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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the previous meeting(s) of the Committee held on the following dates(s) as a correct record:

- 16th November 2016 10.00am

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| 2. | APOLOGIES | S19-2017 |
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To receive apologies for absence.

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| 3. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | S20-2017 |
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To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered on the agenda.

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| 4. | EXEMPT ITEMS | S21-2017 |
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To consider whether or not the press and public should be excluded from the hearing into the report of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales under:

- Section 100 (A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and

Members are asked to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

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| 5. | CONSIDERATION OF REPRESENTATIONS AND FINAL DETERMINATION OF A REPORT PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES UNDER SECTION 71 (2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (REF 201504433) | S22-2017 |
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To consider the report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

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| 6. | EXEMPT ITEMS | S23-2017 |
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To consider whether or not the press and public should be excluded from the deliberations of the Standards Committee under:

- Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) on the grounds that it involves information which is subject of any obligations of confidentiality and that it applies to the deliberations of a Standards Committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any finding on a matter referred to it as defined in paragraphs 18 (a) and 18 (c).

Conducting those deliberations in public might inhibit full and frank discussion to the detriment of the administration of the business of the committee.

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| 7. | DELIBERATIONS | S24-2017 |
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To determine the matter.

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| 8. | DECISION | S25-2017 |
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To announce the decision.

**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: Mrs C Jackson, Mrs J Evans, Mr S Hays, Mrs S Jarman, K M Roberts-Jones, K S Silk and G I S Williams

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| 1. | APOLOGIES | S37-2016 |
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No apologies for absence were received.

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| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | S38-2016 |
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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.

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| 3. | CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS | S39-2016 |
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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.

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| 4. | REPORT OF THE DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER | S40-2016 |
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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.

| RESOLVED | REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION |
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| I) that the Committee adhere to the procedures set out in appendix 1 to the report for the determination of this matter | To comply with its obligations under the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended). |

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| <p>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</p> | <p>To comply with its obligations under the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended).</p> |
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Mrs H Rhydderch-Roberts (Chair)

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By virtue of paragraph(s) 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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