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# **Standards Committee**

Meeting Venue Hybrid meeting - Zoom - County Hall

Meeting date Wednesday, 7 February 2024

Meeting time 2.00 pm

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1 February 2024

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# AGENDA

I. AFOLOGIES
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To receive apologies for absence.

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To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 25 October 2023 as a correct record.

(Pages 3 - 6)

To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered on the agenda.

## 4. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND MONITORING OFFICER

To receive the report of the Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer. (Pages 7 - 18)

# 5. ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY BY MEMBERS

To consider the report (Pages 19 - 22)

#### 6. WORK PROGRAMME

To note the Work programme and add any new items or agree changes. (Pages 23 - 26)

#### 7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Monitoring Officer has determined that Category 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules applies to the following report. His view on the public interest test (having taken account of the provisions of Rule 11.8 of the Council's Access to Information Rules) was that to make this information public would disclose information relating to a particular individual and would allow information to enter the public domain before that individual has had an opportunity to make representations in respect of it. These factors in his view outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information at this stage.

Members are asked to consider these factors when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.

## 8. REFERRAL FROM THE OMBUDSMAN WALES

(To Follow)

#### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD AT HYBRID MEETING - ZOOM - COUNTY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2023

PRESENT: Mr S Hays (Chair)

Independent Members: Mrs C Moore, Mr R Stafford-Tolley and Mr N Steward County Councillors: B Byanham, WD Powell and L Rijnenberg

1.	APOL	OGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Goolden (Independent Member). The Committee noted that Councillor L Rijnenberg would arrive late, as she was on other Council business.

#### 2. MINUTES

The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2023 as a correct record. Subject to the following amendments the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 27 January 2023 and 26 June 2023 as correct records: I McIntosh and L Rijnenberg should be deleted from the list of Independent Members, as they are correctly shown in the list of County Councillors.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

#### 4. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND MONITORING OFFICER

The Committee received the report of the Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer (copy filed with signed minutes).

#### A. General Standards Issues for County Councillors and Co-opted Members

No update was required.

#### B. Members attendance

The Committee noted that the Chair and Vice Chair had considered and were satisfied with the response from the one member, who previously had not provided a response regarding their attendance level for the period May 2022 – May 2023. The Committee noted that the member's attendance since May 2023 had been 100%.

County Councillor L Rijnenberg joined the meeting.

#### C. Referral of Councillors to the Ombudsman Wales

#### C1. County Councillor Referrals

The Committee thanked officers for providing the information regarding referrals to the Ombudsman Wales in a different format. The current

position regarding matters with the Ombudsman is detailed below. It was noted that the date when the Ombudsman Wales had made its decision in respect of 02/CC/20 should read 17/02/22. The Deputy Monitoring Officer advised that in respect of 04/CC/21 the report should state that the APW had imposed an 18 month disqualification to former County Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry. The table below contains these corrections.

The abbreviations used in the headings are as follows:

MO – Monitoring Officer

OW – Ombudsman Wales

Stds – Standards Community Sub-Committee

APW - Adjudication Panel for Wales

Ref	Date OW notified MO of complaint	Date OW advised investigating or not investigating	Date OW's decision	Date considered by Stds	Date considered by APW
02/CC/20	14/09/20	19/11/20 investigating	17/02/22 referred to Stds	15/07/22, 27/01/23 and 26/06/23 former Councillor T Van-Rees censured	N/A
04/CC/21		21/07/21 investigating	22/02/23 Referred to APW		Former Councillor Karen Laurie- Parry Hearing 06/07/23 – imposed 18 month disqualification
03/CC/22		17/04/23 investigating			
05/CC/22		28/06/22 investigating			
01/CC/23		18/07/23 not investigating			

#### D. Dispensations

#### D1. Applications - County Councillors

No applications for dispensation have been received from County Councillors.

#### E. Appointments to the Standards Community Sub-Committee

The Committee noted the one nomination for the vacancy for the Radnorshire area.

RESOLVED that:	Reason for decision
1. Town Councillor Stephen Deeks- D'Silva, be appointed to the Standards Community Sub-Committee to represent the Town and Community Councils in Radnorshire.	To constitute the Standards Community Sub-Committee.
2. the term of office of the Town and Community Councillor 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 a Councillor or resign whichever shall first occur.	

#### F. Ombudsman Wales – Our Findings

The Committee noted the Ombudsman Wales - Our Findings. The Committee noted that at a recent meeting of all Welsh Monitoring Officers, the Ombudsman's office was asked to consider re-instating the "Casebook", which was considered to be more helpful.

#### G. Adjudication Panel for Wales

The Committee noted the two cases highlighted. The Deputy Monitoring Officer highlighted that in respect of the Councillor from Ceredgion Ombudsman Wales had requested the APW to temporarily suspend a Member during its investigation stage of safeguarding allegations. In respect of the former Powys Councillor K Laurie-Parry a significant suspension of 18 months had been imposed by the APW.

#### H. National Forum for Standards Committees

The Committee received the minutes of the Forum meeting held on 30 June 2023, which the Chair had attended.

#### Statutory and Non-Statutory Guidance for Principal Councils in Wales – supporting provisions within the Local Government Act 2000, the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

The Committee noted the Welsh Government guidance. The Committee noted that the Monitoring Officers in Wales are working together to revise the standard form used last year by group leaders to report compliance with the new duties.

#### J. Meeting dates

Meetings in 2024 would take place on the following dates at 2pm: 7 February 12 June

#### 5. OBSERVING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee received the reports on Independent Members observations of the Council meetings on 20 July and 5 October 2023. The Vice Chair advised that this was a useful experience. She advised that she had observed the meeting online but considered that being in the meeting room may give you a better feel of the meeting and issues discussed.

In response to a comment the Committee agreed that the observation reports would be formally shared with the Chair of Council and other committees.

# 6. OVERSEEING THE COUNCIL'S RULES AND PROTOCOLS ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF MEMBERS

The Committee considered the report on the rules and protocols on the accountability of members, namely Section 21 - Protocol on member/officer relations and Section 25 - Local Resolution Process, of the Constitution. The Committee noted that no complaints had been dealt with under the Local Resolution Process during the period May 2022 – September 2023 inclusive.

RESOLVED:	Reason for decision
That the report be noted.	To ensure the Committee undertakes a biennial review of the Council's rules and protocols on accountability of members as part of its work programme.

#### 7. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the revised Work programme. The Chair had suggested that Observing County Council meetings by Standards Committee members and the Guidance / briefing notes for Group Leaders on emerging topics should become standard items on all agendas, as they were shown in the Work programme for each meeting.

#### Mr S Hays (Chair)

#### CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL Standards Committee 7 February 2024

REPORT FOR:	Decision, Information and Discussion
SUBJECT:	Standards Issues
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer

#### A. General Standards Issues for County Councillors and Co-opted Members

No update required.

#### B. Referral of County Councillors to the Ombudsman Wales

The abbreviations used in the headings are as follows: MO – Monitoring Officer OW – Ombudsman Wales Stds – Standards Committee APW - Adjudication Panel for Wales

Ref	Date OW notified MO of complaint	Date OW advised investigating or not investigating	Date OW's decision	Date considered by Stds	Date considered by APW
03/CC/22		17/04/23 investigating			
05/CC/22		28/06/22 investigating	20/11/23 referred to Stds	07/02/24	

#### C. Dispensations Applications - County Councillors

No applications for dispensation have been received from County Councillors.

#### D. Ombudsman Wales – Our Findings

Details of cases are available in <u>Ombudsman Wales - Our Findings</u> It should be noted that "Our Findings" covers all matters investigated by the Ombudsman and not just Code of Conduct matters. "Our Findings" is updated on a monthly basis.

'Our Findings' contains a search facility, which includes "Subject". Under the "Subject" heading the following categories of the Code are listed:

- Integrity
- Promotion of equality and respect

- Disclosure and registration of interest
- Duty to uphold the law
- Selflessness and Stewardship

At a recent meeting of all Welsh Monitoring Officers, the Ombudsman's office was asked to consider re-instating the "Casebook", which was considered to be more helpful. The Ombudsman has declined to reinstate the casebook but is committed to improve the searchability of its website.

#### E. Adjudication Panel for Wales

Details of cases considered by the APW are available via the following link: <u>Decisions | The Adjudication Panel for Wales (gov.wales)</u>

#### F. National Forum for Standards Committees

The Forum met on 29 January 2024 [Appendix 1]. The Chair will provide a verbal report and his notes are attached at Appendix 2.

#### G. Whistleblowing

The committee has asked for details of the whistleblowing cases that the Council has received. The following table sets out the number of whistleblowing cases since 2019/20

<u>Year</u>	<u>No of Whistleblowing</u> <u>Complaint received</u>	Outcome
2019/20	2 (1 School & 1 Adult Social Care Commissioning)	1 not upheld 1 not investigated due to insufficient
		evidence
2020/21	0	N/A
2021/22	2 (1 Housing & 1 Adult services)	2 not upheld
2022/23	2 ( 2 different Schools)	2 Upheld
2023/24	3 ( 3 different Schools)	<ol> <li>not upheld</li> <li>1 independently investigated and report received 10.1.24 and being considered by Director</li> <li>1 being investigated as disciplinary matter</li> </ol>

HR are currently developing a toolkit to accompany the whistleblowing policy. The toolkit would promote initiatives around raising awareness of the policies, encourage staff to speak up and report their concerns, in addition to supporting staff who raise concerns or protected disclosures.

Section 115 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 now requires the Council's Governance and Audit committee to review and assess the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively, including the handling of

Whistleblowing complaints , As such , in future the reporting of whistleblowing complaints will be made to the Governance and Audit Committee and not to this committee.

# H. Meeting Dates

- To note dates of meetings in 2024 as follows, all starting at 2pm:
- 10 April annual meeting with Group Leaders
- . 12 June
- 30 October

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National Standards Committee Chairs Forum - Wales Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 2pm, via Teams Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.
- 2. Chairs Announcements
  - a. Welcome new Panel Advisor, Justine Cass, Deputy Monitoring

Officer and Solicitor, Legal Services, Torfaen County Borough Council.

3. Notes of the previous meeting 30 June 2023.

NOTE 7 Richard Penn Review update.

The responses were being analysed and the results would be

published during the autumn.

https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2023-

11/wg48234-summary-reponses\_0.pdf

https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-responses-consultation-

review-local-government-ethical-standards-framework

- 4. Michelle Morris Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Update.
- 5. Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) and Joint Standards Committees. Presentation by Iwan Gwilym Evans, Gwynedd.

- Resourcing of Standards Committees, Action 6 of previous meeting notes.
   Specifically,
  - Resourcing of Standards Committees. Chair and Davina Fiore to discuss the possibility of raising the issue of budgets with the Monitoring Officer group.
  - b. payments to Co-opted Members.
  - https://www.gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales draft-annual-report-2024-2025 This is linked to the discussions at
     the previous meeting on workloads and item 6b on the agenda.
     Chairs may wish to discuss report -
    - in the context of the changes proposed (e.g. hourly rate) and non-changes (i.e. no increase in rates for independent members).
    - ii. The general application of the guidance and are they being applied consistently to Standards Committee members i.e., how the guidelines on remuneration are applied.
    - iii. Whether the Chairs have input into future IRPW reports e.g. could a representative from the IRPW be invited to a future meeting.

- Local resolution protocols, how do they operate in your area and are they effective. Reflections. – All
- 8. Items raised by the Monitoring Officers Group.
  - a. Whether, in light of the duty to report on the performance of the Group Leader's duty, authorities allow group leaders to sit on their Standards Committee and, if so, how they manage any perceived conflict of interest between a group leader assessing their own performance and the performance of their political opponents.
  - b. Progress on adopting the agreed common threshold of £25 for the registration of gifts and hospitality.
  - c. Do authorities have any guidance on the use of social media over and above that published by the WLGA.
  - d. Whether authorities encourage their town & community councils to sign the civility and respect pledge - <u>https://www.slcc.co.uk/news-</u> <u>publications/civility-respect-pledge/</u>. If they do not whether they
    - would consider doing so
- 9. Training for Standards Committee Chairs.
- 10. Any other business.
- 11. Date of next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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# **National Standards Committee Chairs Forum - Wales**

Monday 29th January 2024 @ 2pm, via Team

Stephan Hays' notes

#### Announcement

Justine Cass Deputy MO of Totrfaen Council. Former CPS lawyer is our legal advisor.

#### The responses to last year's consultation:

Were supportive of the alignment of procedures

Strong support for the anonymity of witnesses

Would like to see a reform to the appeals process.

Less support for former county councillors then sitting as an independent member and in some cases regardless of the time interval between the two.

#### **Michelle Morris - PSOW**

18% increase in cases after a fall from the previous meeting. Currently have 1800 cases. This presents a challenge to undertake.

Also 32% of cases have closed this year.

Problem of completing 15 aged cases (>12 months). Aim is to halve that number.

11 hearings by SC & APW. 9 are pending and these are for SCs Also 1 Tribunal. APW granted an appeal re a SC decision in connection with a Community Council.

Interim referral to APW, first time this has been done. This was for someone who held two positions: a County Councillor and a Community Councillor. APW agreed and resulted to a 6 month suspension.

PSOW may get some more money from WG for extra staff.

Always recommend trying to nip things in the bud before they escalate.

**Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs)** are new corporate bodies which have some similar powers and duties to councils.

They can directly own assets and employ staff. They must appoint a Chief Executive, Finance Officer, and Monitoring Officer. CJCs' membership is made up of the leaders of the councils within the specific region and the National Park Authorities that sit within that region.

Four CJCs were established to help strengthen regional collaboration between authorities:

- South East Wales CJC
- South West Wales CJC
- North Wales CJC
- Mid Wales CJC (Powys & Ceredigion).

They came into effect in April 2021 and were given the following functions from June 2022:

- developing transport policies
- preparing a strategic development plan
- economic wellbeing anything a CJC considers is likely to promote or improve the economic wellbeing of its area.

As the CJCs are new corporate bodies, we looked at their progress in developing their arrangements to meet their statutory obligations and the Welsh Government's aim of strengthening regional collaboration.

The four CJCs are responsible for **strategic development planning**, **regional transport planning** and promoting the **economic well-being of their area**. The Welsh Ministers could specify functions on CJCs that relate to **improving education**, but this has not currently been specified within the Regulations.

# **Strategic Development Plans**

Welsh planning law establishes a framework for local planning authorities to bring forward Strategic Development Plans (SDPs). The aim being to deal more effectively with regional crossboundary issues such as housing and transport, and provide a strategic approach to planning at a greater scale than individual local development plans (LDPs).

CJCs are responsible for preparing the SDPs. Local planning authorities will still prepare LDPs, but these will be more focused in nature.

# **Transport functions**

CJCs are also responsible for developing Regional Transport Plans. These plans will replace local transport plans previously prepared by individual authorities.

The <u>Transport (Wales) Act 2006</u> enabled establishment of Joint Transport Authorities (JTAs). The proposed JTAs would have had their own governance arrangements and constitution, and have powers to develop regional transport strategies within a broader national context. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 repealed the specific provisions in the 2006 Act to establish JTAs, and for these functions to be incorporated within the new CJCs.

# The economic well-being function

CJCs have the power to promote and improve the economic well-being of their areas. The power may be exercised for the benefit of the whole or part of the CJCs area, or all or any person resident in the area. It's anticipated that City or Regional Growth Deals will be subsumed by CJCs, although some aspects of this are still to be ironed out.

The City and Growth Deal approach is based on each region setting out and adopting a strategic long-term plan for the economic development of the region. Each deal is underpinned by a 15 or 20 year programme of capital investment designed by the region and supported by local authorities, Welsh and UK governments and other public and private sector funding.

Sets its own budget.

Has to set its own Standards Committee. With own members and its own Code of Conduct. Register of Interests because it covers a larger area.

I asked about joining our SCs in the mid-Wales region. The response was he understood where we were coming from and that this is still a developing organisation.

#### **Resourcing of SCs**

Consideration of the level of support offered to SCs offered by CCs and how resourced. Also what level of support that APW might feel is needed for us. There is quite a variation. It is likely a mapping exercise will be undertaken.

For example, hourly rate, if a whole day is expected, but then only an hour of work is undertaken some sort of recompence should be payable.

#### **Local Resolutions**

One example was tow arguing members the idea of having to go through a mediation process was enough for them to agree to be civil. Probably better if SCs do not get too involved in local resolution in case the matter ends up before them. Possibly more complaints this year because of the elections.

#### MO's Group

Allowing group leaders to sit on SCs – possible conflict of interest of judging himself. Proposed £25 as the limit for gifts and hospitality. There is an online training on use of social media. To be made available to everyone. Signing of Civility and Respect Pledge. This is slowly developing, see link. https://www.slcc.co.uk/news-publications/civility-respect-pledge/

#### CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

#### Standards Committee 7 January 2024

REPORT FOR:	Decision
SUBJECT:	Annual review of acceptance of gifts and hospitality by Members
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The Committee is asked to complete the annual review.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 Section 18 Code of Conduct for Members states the following:
  "9 You must –
  (b) avoid accepting from anyone gifts, hospitality (other than official hospitality, such as a civic reception or a working lunch duly authorised by your authority), material benefits or services for yourself or any person which might place you, or reasonably appear to place you, under an improper obligation."
- 2.2 Paragraph 17 refers to the Registration of Gifts and Hospitality and Paragraph 18.5 [18.5 18.5.8] refers to the Protocol concerning gifts and hospitality to members. The Committee is advised that Paragraph 18 is currently being updated in respect of cross referencing to other sections of the Constitution and a new version will be published in due course.
- 2.3 Members must, within 28 days of receiving any gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage above a value specified in a resolution of your authority [see below], provide written notification to the monitoring officer, of the existence and nature of that gift, hospitality, material benefit or advantage. 18.5.6.1 states:

"Where you accept any gift or hospitality which you estimate to have a market value or cost of provision of £25 or greater, (or where you accept a working lunch of the type described in paragraph 3.1 (vi) above where the cost or value exceeds £10) you must, as soon as possible after receipt of the gift or hospitality, make a declaration in writing to the Monitoring Officer officer...".

#### 3 Record of gifts and hospitality

3.1 An email was sent to members in August 2022 advising them of the Protocol and providing them with a copy of the form and details on how to complete the form online. Appendix 1 is a link to the records for the 6 Members who have declared receipts of gifts and /or hospitality . These records are available to the public on line .

3.2 As advised in 2.2 above the Protocol is being updated and once this has been completed the revised version will be sent to members with a copy of the form and online instructions reminding them of their duty to comply with the protocol.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
1. To note the report.	To ensure the Committee undertakes an annual review of the acceptance of gifts and hospitality by Members as part of its work programme.

Relevant Policy (ie	es):		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s): N/A

Person(s) To Implement Decision:	<b>Clive Pin</b>	iney
Date By When Decision To Be Implen	nented:	

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Gifts and hospitality recorded on website 19 May 2022 – 1 February 2024: <u>Gifts and hospitalities - Berriman, Jake, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir</u> <u>Powys County Council (moderngov.co.uk)</u> <u>Gifts and hospitalities - Charlton, Jackie, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir</u> <u>Powys County Council (moderngov.co.uk)</u>

Gifts and hospitalities - Church, Richard, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir Powys County Council (moderngov.co.uk)

<u>Gifts and hospitalities - Dorrance, Matthew, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor</u> <u>Sir Powys County Council (moderngov.co.uk)</u>

<u>Gifts and hospitalities - Gibson-Watt, James, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor</u> <u>Sir Powys County Council (moderngov.co.uk)</u>

Gifts and hospitalities - Jones, Joy, 19 May 2022 - 1 February 2024 Cyngor Sir Powys County Council (moderngov.co.uk) This page is intentionally left blank

#### 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 and National Standards Forum.
- Code of Conduct, standards and ethical issues at Council meetings On a rota basis, Independent Members to observe Council meetings and report back to Committee

#### 7 February 2024

Торіс	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome
Whistleblowing Policy	To review an anonymised report on the number of	Committee Moved from October	Complete an annual review
	whistleblowing cases and outcomes over the previous 12 months	2023 meeting	
Monitor and review the	To review the register	Committee	Complete an annual review
acceptance of gifts and		Moved from October 2023 meeting, as	
hospitality by Members		Monitoring Officers across Wales considering a consistent approach to the monetary levels for gifts and hospitality	
Guidance / briefing notes for Group Leaders on	To highlight issues around any emerging topics to support Group Leaders in	Committee and Monitoring Officer	As required
emerging topics	their role		

#### 10 April 2024

Торіс	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome
Annual meeting	To monitor	Committee and	
with Group	compliance by Group	Monitoring Officer	
Leaders	Leaders and assist		
regarding duties	them in their duties		

# 12 June 2024

Торіс	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome
Annual report	Approval of Annual report for submission to Council	Committee	Presentation of Annual report at the Council meeting on 11 July 2024
Monitor members' attendance at relevant meetings	To review members attendance at relevant meetings and consider any whose attendance is below 60%	Committee	Complete an annual review
Oversee the Register of Interest of Members, Co- opted members and Church and Parent Governor Representatives and Officers	To review the Register of Interest	Committee	Complete an annual review
General Dispensations	To review the use of General dispensations over the previous 12 months	Committee	Complete an annual review.
Guidance / briefing notes for Group Leaders on emerging topics	To highlight issues around any emerging topics to support Group Leaders in their role	Committee and Monitoring Officer	As required

# 30 October 2024

Торіс	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome
Guidance / briefing notes for Group Leaders on emerging topics	To highlight issues around any emerging topics to support Group Leaders in their role	Committee and Monitoring Officer	As required

## October 2025

Торіс	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome
Oversee the	Review Section 21	Committee	Two yearly review
Council's rules	[Protocol on Member		[previous review
and protocols	/ Officer		Öctober 2023]
on	Relations] and		_
accountability of	Section 25 [Local		
members	Resolution Process]		
	of Constitution		

# Standards Community Sub-Committee Work programme

# Standing items on agendas:

- Monitoring Officer report Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman, Dispensation requests.
- Other items Ombudsman Wales Our Findings reports and Committee's Work Programme

#### 7 February 2024

Торіс	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome

#### 12 June 2024

Торіс	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome

#### 30 October 2024

Торіс	Objective	Who is responsible	Outcome

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