

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD AT BY ZOOM ON FRIDAY, 15 JULY 2022

PRESENT: Mr S Hays (Chair)

Independent Members: Mr R Stafford-Tolley and Mr N Steward

County Councillors: I McIntosh and L Rijnenberg

Mrs E Prysor, Monitoring Officer, Ceredigion County Council on behalf of the
Monitoring Officer Powys County Council

1.	APOLOGIES
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There were no apologies for absence.

2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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Stephan Hays declared a personal interest as he was aware, in a professional capacity, of the former councillor who was the subject of the complaint. He also declared a personal interest as he knew of some individuals referred to in some of the correspondence contained in the Ombudsman's report.

Russell Stafford-Tolley declared a personal interest as he was aware, in a professional capacity, of the former councillor who was the subject of the complaint.

Councillor Iain McIntosh declared a personal interest as he knew of the former councillor.

As none of the above interests were prejudicial the members could participate in the meeting.

3.	CONFIDENTIAL ITEM
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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.

4.	REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER
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Russell Stafford-Tolley having not had an opportunity to read the reports, withdrew from the meeting.

The 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 decision
1. The Standards Committee should adopt and follow the procedures established for such meetings by Powys County Council as set out in	To comply with the requirements under the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring

<p>Rules 18.4 of the Constitution of Powys County Council and attached as Appendix 1 to the report.</p>	<p>Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001.</p>
<p>2. That the Standards Committee on considering the Ombudsman's Investigation Report dated 17 February 2022 that it considers that there is evidence which might amount to a failure to comply with the code of conduct to give the former county councillor the opportunity to make representations, either orally or in writing at a future meeting in respect of the findings of the investigation and any allegation that he has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the code of conduct in accordance with the procedures adopted under 1 above.</p>	<p>To comply with its obligations under the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2001.</p>

Mr S Hays (Chair)