CYNGOR SIR *POWYS* COUNTY COUNCIL Standards Committee 8 February 2023

REPORT BY: Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer

SUBJECT: Standards Issues

REPORT FOR: Decision, Information and Discussion

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

No update required.

B. Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman

B1. County Councillor Referrals

The current position regarding matters with the Ombudsman is as follows:

02/CC/2020 Ombudsman referred to Standards Committee

04/CC/2021 Ombudsman investigating

C. Dispensations

C1. 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

E. National Forum for Standards Committees

The first meeting of the Forum took place on 27 January 2023. The Chair will provide a verbal report to the Committee.

F. Group Leaders Duty to Promote Good Conduct

The Committee is asked to consider and comment upon the attached template for the use of Group Leaders in evidencing the performance of their duty. The template is based upon one prepared by the Chair and one used in other Welsh Local Authorities.

G. Meeting Dates

To note dates of meetings in 2023 as follows: 14 June at 2pm 25 October at 2pm

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