

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Neath)

Members Present:

2nd August, 2013

Chairman: Mr.G.T.Pullen

Vice Chairman: Mrs.J.E.Howells

Independent Members: C.L.Jones and Mrs.B.Richards

NPTCBC Members: Councillors S.Jones and A.L.Thomas

**Community
Committee Member:** Councillor Mrs.S.Davies

Officers in Attendance: D.Michael and A.Borthwick

**Representing the Public
Service Ombudsman
for Wales:** Ms.C.Davies and Ms.B.Jones

1. **COUNCILLOR COLLIN CROWLEY**

The Chairman advised Committee that Councillor Collin Crowley had recently passed away and wished to acknowledge the contribution he had made to the Authority over a number of years .

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the previous meeting held on the 31st May 2013, be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of apologies from the Vice Chairman, Mrs.J.E.Howells.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer informed the Committee that a formal letter of resignation had now been received from Councillor M. Evans.

RESOLVED: that a letter of thanks be sent to Councillor M. Evans for his work on the Committee.

4. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 18C of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

Private Report of the Monitoring Officer

5. **REFERRAL FROM THE OMBUDSMAN**

The Committee considered the private circulated report of the Monitoring Officer regarding a referral from the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales.

The Committee heard the report of the Public Ombudsman for Wales regarding the complaint and also heard representations from the Councillor concerned.

RESOLVED: that a formal censure be issued to the Councillor concerned.

CHAIRMAN