

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Neath)

Members Present:

14th February, 2014

Chairman: Mr. G.T.Pullen

Vice Chairman: Mrs.J.E.Howells

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

NPT Member: Councillor A.L.Thomas

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

**Substitute Community
Committee Member:** Councillor Mrs.M.Gunter

Officers in Attendance: D.Michael and Mrs T.Davies

Apologies: Councillors S.Jones

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meetings held on the 7th November 2013, and the 15th November, 2013, be confirmed as correct records.

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

2. **LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCEEDURE – COMPLAINTS IN RESPECT OF MEMBERS**

The circulated report contained details of the Public Services Ombudsman's Guidance on the Code of Conduct for Members of Local Authorities in Wales, first published in April 2010, in respect of Local Resolution Procedures for complaints in respect of Members.

Appendix 1 to the circulated report contained details of the Local Resolution Procedure adopted by Flintshire County Council, and Appendix 2 to the circulated report contained details of the Local Resolution Process adopted by Pembrokeshire County Council.

- RESOLVED:**
- (a) that the Head of Legal Service and Monitoring Officer draft a Local Resolution Procedure for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, in consultation with the Leaders of the main Political Groups;
 - (b) that the draft Local Resolution Procedure be brought back to this Committee for final approval.

3. **PROPOSED DETERMINATIONS BY THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES**

Members discussed the circulated report which contained details of proposed determinations by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW).

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

4. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 5 below, the Chairman agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element.

5. **ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES REPORT 2012/2013**

The circulated report contained details of the annual report of the Adjudication Panel for Wales covering the financial year 2012/13. A copy of individual cases that had been determined, were contained in the Appendix to the circulated report. Members noted that none of the cases considered related to Neath Port Talbot.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 2nd May 2014.

CHAIRMAN