



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

***1.30 PM - MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2024**

TEAMS/ HYBRID AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

***PLEASE NOTE TIME**

ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES TO BE SWITCHED TO SILENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING

PART 1

1. Welcome and Chair's Announcements
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (*Pages 5 - 8*)
4. Whistleblowing Arrangements (*Pages 9 - 28*)
5. Member Officer Protocol - Employee Code of Conduct (*Pages 29 - 62*)
6. To Consider the Process the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales Adopt in Respect of Code of Conduct Complaints (*Pages 63 - 68*)
7. Observation of Meetings (*Pages 69 - 100*)
8. County Borough Council - Grant of Dispensation under S81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Pages 101 - 112*)
9. Town/Community Council - Grant of Dispensation under S81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Pages 113 - 116*)
10. Independent Review Consultation Responses (*Pages 117 - 148*)

11. Standards Committees Forum - Wales (*Pages 149 - 158*)
12. Forward Work Programme (*Pages 159 - 160*)
13. Urgent Items
Any urgent items at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100BA(6)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
14. Access to Meetings - Exclusion of the Public (*Pages 161 - 166*)
To resolve to exclude the public for the following item(s) pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the relevant Exempt Paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act

PART 2

15. Referral from the Ombudsman (Exempt under Paragraph 18c)
(*Pages 167 - 196*)

K.Jones
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

26 February 2024

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: L.Fleet

Vice T.Ward

Chairperson:

Independent A.Davies and D.Lewis
Members:

NPTCBC W.Carpenter and S.Thomas
Members:

Community C.Edwards
Committee
Member:

Substitutes

NPTCBC
Substitutes: Councillors A.Lodwig and S.Grimshaw

Community Vacant
Committee
Substitute:

- Notes: (a) The Quorum for the Standards Committee is at least three Members including the Chairperson (or in absence Vice Chairperson). At least half the Members present (including the Chair) must be Independent Members. (e.g. if only two Independent Members attend, there must **only** be two other Members of the Committee present.)*
- (b) In view of the above, can all Members please inform the Monitoring Officer/Democratic Services Officer as soon as possible, if there is a problem with attendance.*