# Neath Port Talbot Castell-nedd Port Talbot County Borough Council Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol

### **AGENDA**

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

10.00 AM - MONDAY, 22 JULY 2024

MULTI-LOCATION MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS/HYBRID AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

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

#### <u>PART 1</u>

- 1. Welcome and Chair's Announcements
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings (Pages 5 10)
- 4. Internal Audit in respect of Members Ethics (Pages 11 28)
- 5. Referral from the Ombudsman (Pages 29 38)
- 6. Planning Protocol for Elected Members (Pages 39 68)
- 7. Neath Port Talbot Council Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 69 86)
- 8. Recent decision of the Adjudication Panel for Wales and Public Service Ombudsman for Wales relating to Members Code of Conduct Breaches (Pages 87 100)
- 9. South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (Pages 101 146)
- 10. Forward Work Programme (Pages 147 148)

### 11. 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).

## K.Jones Chief Executive

Civic Centre Port Talbot

16 July 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** A.Lodwig and S.Grimshaw

**Substitutes:** 

**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.