

**SUMMARY OF REGULATORY DECISIONS
(For Information Only)**

Standards Committee

Monday, 13 January 2025

1. The summary attached contains the decision(s) made by the above Committee.
2. There is no call-in on these decision(s). They are produced to inform Members of decisions made.
3. The decision(s) are for immediate implementation.
4. The decision(s) summary is available on the website.

**F.O'Brien
Chief Executive**

**Civic Centre
Port Talbot**

13 January 2025

Members Present:

Chairperson: **Councillor L.Fleet**

Vice Chairperson: **Councillor T.Ward**

Co-Opted Members: Louise Fleet, Tom Ward, Duncan Lewis and
Alison Davies

**Town/Com Council
Members:** C.Edwards

Councillors: S.Thomas and W.Carpenter

Invitees: Councillors B.Woolford, J.Henton, S.Rahaman
and G.Rice

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PART 1

4. Standards Committee Meeting with Elected Members	RESOLVED:	That the report and discussion be noted.
5. Template for Group Leaders Annual Report	RESOLVED:	That the revised Group Leader Annual Report template (as detailed at Appendix 1 to the circulated report) be agreed.
6. Relationship between Standards Committee and Governance and Audit Committee	RESOLVED:	That the following be agreed, to help strengthen the relationship between Standards Committee and Governance and Audit Committee: a. Introduce Regular Liaison Meetings: Facilitate bi-annual meetings between the

Chairs of both committees to discuss shared priorities.

b. Develop a Collaboration Protocol: Establish a formal protocol outlining areas for collaboration, ensuring clarity and avoiding duplication.

c. Contribute to the AGS: Ensure the Standards Committee provides input into the Annual Governance Statement to highlight its role in promoting

	<p>ethical governan ce.</p> <p>d. Encourag e Joint Training: Coordinat e training programs to address common themes such as governan ce, risk managem ent, and ethical conduct.</p>
<p>7. Consultation from Public Service Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That a response be drafted by the Monitoring Officer, on behalf of the Standards Committee, detailing the points raised during the discussion at the meeting. The response will neither be a for nor against, but will highlight the mixed views of the Committee.</p>
<p>8. Town and Community Council Code of Conduct Matters</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Town and Community Council Chairs be invited to a meeting of the</p>

		Standards Committee, to discuss how the Committee can help ensure compliance with the standards regime and ethical behaviours in Town and Community Councils.
9. Independent Review of Investigation by Public Services Ombudsman for Wales into Code of Conduct Complaints	RESOLVED:	That the report be noted.
10. Adjudication Panel for Wales Annual Report	RESOLVED:	That the report be noted.
11. Learning and Development Opportunities - Equality Act 2010	RESOLVED:	That the report be noted.
12. Forward Work Programme	RESOLVED:	That the Forward Work Programme be noted.