

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Committee Room 3 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

18 November, 2016

Chairperson: Mrs J.E.Howells

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

NPTBC Member: **Councillor D.Keogh**

Community committee Member: Town/Community Councillor Mrs S.Davies

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

Apology: G.T.Pullen

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER, 2016**

(Mr D.Michael withdrew from the meeting for this item only)

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17 October, 2016, be confirmed as a correct record.

2. **GRANT OF DISPENSATION**

(Mr D.Michael re-joined the meeting at this point)

Members received a request from Councillor Carol Clement-Williams for the grant of dispensation under Section 81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, to speak and vote on issues relating to the business of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, including relevant personnel matters, as her niece works at the Hillside Secure Unit, Neath.

RESOLVED: That the application for dispensation from Councillor Clement-Williams be approved in the circumstances set out in Regulation 2 (d) of the Standards

Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 in the standard form as set out in Paragraph 11 to speak and vote, and that the dispensation runs to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting 2017.

3. **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER AND REPORT 2015-16**

Members were advised of the Ombudsman's Annual Letter and the publication of his Annual Report.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

4. **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK**

Members noted the recent decisions of Standards Committee's as reported by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON