



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

9.30 AM - THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019

COMMITTEE ROOMS A/B - NEATH CIVIC CENTRE

PART 1

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (*Pages 3 - 4*)
3. Urgent Items
Any urgent items at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972

PART 2

4. Access to Meetings
To resolve to exclude the public for the following item pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and Exempt Paragraph 18c of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act
5. Referral from the Ombudsman (*Pages 5 - 40*)
Private Report of the Head of Legal Services.

S.Phillips
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

7 May, 2019

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: C.Jones

Vice

Chairperson: B.Richards

Independent Members: L.Fleet and T.Ward

NPTCBC Members: A.L.Thomas and S.E.Freeguard

Community Committee Member: A.Carter

Substitutes

NPTCBC Substitutes: R.W.Wood

- 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.*

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Committee Room 3 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

10 April 2019

Chairperson: B.Richards

Independent Members: L.Fleet and T.Ward

NPTCBC Members: **Councillors** A.L.Thomas and S.E.Freeguard

Community Committee Member: **Councillor A.Carter**

Officers In Attendance: C.Griffiths and T.Davies

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17 January, 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2. **GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS**

RESOLVED: That the applications for dispensation as set out in paragraph 1.3.2. to the circulated report, be approved, in the circumstances set out in Regulation 2 (d) and (e) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001, to speak and vote as set out in the Schedule above and that the dispensation runs to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting 2019.

3. **URGENCY ACTION - 0317 - SCHOOL ADMISSIONS DISPENSATION**

Decision:

That the following urgency action taken by the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No 0317 re: School Admissions Dispensation.

4. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 18c of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

5. **REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN**

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor P.M.'s conduct amounted to a breach, under Paragraphs 4(b) (failing to show respect and consideration for others), 4(c) (using bullying or harassing behaviour) and 6(1)(a) (in an official capacity or otherwise, bringing the office of member or the authority into disrepute) of the Code of Conduct.
2. That the meeting be adjourned in order to allow Councillor P.M. to make submissions on what action the Standards Committee should take, including any mitigating factors.

CHAIRPERSON

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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