

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Committee Room 3 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

**Members Present:**

**16 September, 2015**

**Chairperson:** G.T.Pullen

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

**Community Committee Member:** **Councillor** Mrs S.Davies

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

**Apologies** Mrs J.Howells and Councillor D.Keogh

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1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL, 2015**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17 April 2015, be confirmed as a correct record.

**Matters Arising**

2. **RECRUITMENT TO BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Minute No 3 refers

Members were pleased to note that Independent Standards Committee Member, Mr Cliff Jones, had been selected to sit on the Standards Committee for Bridgend County Borough Council.

3. **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES FINANCE COMMITTEE  
EXAMINATION OF OMBUDSMAN POWERS**

Minute No 4 refers

Members noted that although there had been some talk of reform of the Ombudsman's powers, as well as the Members Code of Conduct, there was no fixed timetable to date.

4. **GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS AND RENEWAL OF GRANTS  
UNDER SECTION 81(4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000**

Members considered renewals and applications received for Employment Dispensations, Miscellaneous Dispensations, Dispensations regarding School Governors, Standard Dispensations for School Reorganisation and Dispensations for the Third Sector Review, as detailed in the circulated report.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the Applications for Employment Dispensation as set out in paragraph 1.2.8. of the report, 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 1.2.6. to speak and vote and that the dispensations run to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting 2016;
- (b) that the new applications and the applications for renewals of Miscellaneous Dispensations, as set out in paragraph 1.3.2. of the report, be approved in the circumstances set out in Regulation 2 (d) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to speak or to speak and vote as set out in the

Schedule as detailed within the circulated report, and that the dispensations run to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting 2016;

- (c) that the Grant of General Dispensation: School Governors, as detailed in the report, be further granted until the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting 2016;
- (d) that the Applications for School Reorganisation Dispensation as set out in paragraph 1.5.4 of the report, 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 1.5.2. to speak but not vote and that the dispensations run to the Standards Committee with follows the Annual meeting 2016;
- (e) that Standards Committee Applications for the Third Sector Review Dispensation, as set out in paragraph 1.6.4 of the circulated report be approved in the circumstances set out in Regulation 2 (c), (d), (g), and (h) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to speak only and that the dispensations cover all matters relating to the Review, and that the dispensations run to the Standards Committee with follows the Annual meeting 2016.

5. **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.

6. **REFERRAL FROM THE OMBUDSMAN**

Whilst Members could have dealt with the matter, the Committee felt it was inappropriate to proceed without Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Members being present.

**RESOLVED:** that the meeting be adjourned to a future date to enable County Borough Council Members to attend.

**CHAIRPERSON**