

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Committee Room 3 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

**Members Present:**

**29 July, 2016**

**Chairperson:** G.T.Pullen

**Vice Chairperson:** Mrs J.E.Howells

**Independent Members:** Mrs.B.Richards

**NPTBC Members:** **Councillors** D.Keogh and A.L.Thomas

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

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

**Apology:** C.L.Jones

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1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER, 2015 AND THE RECONVENED MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER, 2015**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 16 September, 2015 and the Minutes of the reconvened meeting held on 4 November, 2015, be confirmed as a correct record.

Matter Arising

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

Members noted that changes to the Members Code of Conduct had now been finalised by the National Assembly's Finance Committee. The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer explained that there had been comparatively few changes, which had been adopted by Council, but which had not warranted extra training for Standards

Committee Members. The revised Code would be added to the agenda for a future meeting of the Standards Committee.

2. **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 Voluntary Sector Funding, as detailed in the circulated report.

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer discussed extending the dispensations concerning School Reorganisation to include 'School Transport Matters' also. Members were in agreement with this addition (shown as bold and italics in decision (d) below).

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer agreed to re-circulate the offer of Dispensations to all Members, and explain which Dispensations could be applied for.

- 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 of Council 2017;
  - (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 of Council 2017;

- (c) that the Grant of General Dispensations: School Governors, as detailed in the report, be further granted until the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting of Council 2017;
- (d) that the Applications for School Reorganisation **and School Transport Matters** 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 which follows the Annual Meeting of Council 2017;
- (e) that Standards Committee Applications for Voluntary Sector Funding 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 funding for the voluntary/third sector, and that the dispensations run to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting of Council 2017.

## **CHAIRPERSON**