

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Committee Room 3 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

10 March, 2017

Chairperson: J.E.Howells

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

NPTBC Member: **Councillor D.Keogh**

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

Officers In Attendance: D.Michael and T.Davies

Apologies: G.T.Pullen and Councillor A.L.Thomas

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER, 2016**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 18 November, 2016, be confirmed as correct record.

2. **REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT - RESILIENT AND RENEWED, WELSH GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

Members received an overview of the circulated report, and felt there needed to be a distinction between standards of behaviour and standards of performance, and were therefore pleased to support the recommendation therein. A link to the above-mentioned White Paper would be circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: that the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make representations to the Welsh Government in response to the White Paper, on behalf of the Standards Committee.

3. **MEMBER INDUCTION AND THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Members discussed the circulated report and noted that a link to the WLGS training module would be sent out as soon as it was available. A recruitment exercise would be carried out for the required number of Standards Committee Members following the Local Government Elections in 2017, and this would also be accompanied by in house refresher training on the Code of Conduct, for Members.

As it was Town/Community Council Member Councillor Sandra Davies last meeting with the Standards Committee, the Chair thanked her on behalf of Members for her commitment and services to the Standards Committee during her term.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON