

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Committee Rooms 1/2 - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

12 December, 2017

Chairperson: Mrs J.E.Howells

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

NPTBC Members: **Councillors** S.E.Freeguard and R.Wood

Community Committee Member: A.Carter

Officers In Attendance: D.Michael and T.Davies

Apologies: G.T.Pullen

1. **MEMBERS DECLARATION**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor.R.Wood - Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer – Item 3 – Grant of Dispensations Under Section 81 (4) Local Government Act 2000 – as he is a Governor at Ysgol Bae Baglan and also has children who attend the school.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST, 2017**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 August, 2017, be confirmed as a correct record.

3. **GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS UNDER SECTION 81 (4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000**

Members considered renewals and applications received for Employment Dispensations and Standard Dispensations for School Reorganisation/School Transport Matters 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 of Council 2018;
 - (b) that the Applications for School Reorganisation/School Transport Matters Dispensation as set out in paragraph 1.3.4 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 1.3.2. to speak but not vote and that the dispensations run to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting of Council 2018.

4. **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER AND REPORT 2016/2017**

Members discussed the circulated report, and felt that it would be appropriate for the Standards Committee to write a letter to Glynneath Town Council noting the high level of complaints to the Ombudsman.

- RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON