

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

22 November 2019

Chairperson: B.Richards

Independent Members: L.Fleet and T.Ward

NPTCBC Members: Councillor D.Keogh

Officers In Attendance: C.Griffiths and N.Headon

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was noted that the decision notice on the outcome into the investigation of Councillor S.M was included in the minutes.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26 July, 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

2. **SUMMARY OF CASES UNDERTAKEN BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES**

Members received a summary of the cases undertaken by the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales.

It was noted that the Head of Legal Services would arrange for Members to attend a Community Council meeting in order to see how they work.

RESOLVED: That the findings in the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales Code of Conduct Casebook, be noted.

3. **PUBLIC SERVICE OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT 2017 2018**

Members discussed the Public Service Ombudsman Annual Report for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for 2018/2019.

It was noted that additional training for Code of Conduct would be offered in the new year, it was highlighted that this was not mandatory training.

RESOLVED: That the content of the Public Service Ombudsman Annual Report for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for 2018/2019 enclosed at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, and the steps that will be taken to reduce the number of referrals to the Ombudsman in respect of code of conduct matters, be noted.

4. **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**

Members were given an overview of Neath Port Talbot Council Whistleblowing Policy.

It was noted that the Employees Code of Conduct remained with Trade Unions, and on completion the final version would be brought back to committee.

Members requested to view Performance Measures.

RESOLVED: That the content of the Neath Port Talbot Council Whistleblowing Policy be noted, and Member's recommendations be put in place.

CHAIRPERSON