

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Remotely Via Teams)

**Members Present:**

**27 January 2021**

**Chairperson:** C.L.Jones

**Vice Chairperson:** B.Richards

**Independent Members:** L.Fleet and T.Ward

**NPTCBC Members:** **Councillors** S.E.Freeguard and D.Keogh

**Community Committee Member:** **Councillor** G.Reynolds

**Officers In Attendance:** C.Griffiths and T.Davies

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## 1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6 March, 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

## 2. **PUBLIC SERVICE OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT 2019 2020**

Members discussed the working groups mentioned in the report, and the format these would take. It was noted that the main aim of these groups would be to ensure consistency of approach throughout the directorates.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

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

Members noted that the requests for dispensations under consideration at today's meeting, if granted, would run until the remainder of this elected Council, until the first meeting of the Standards Committee following the Council Annual Meeting in 2022.

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer informed Members of two slight amendments to the circulated report. On page 24, within the Employment Dispensation schedule, Councillor M.Crawley should read Councillor *M.Crowley*. On page 26, Councillor D.Jones' dispensation should refer to the *Black and Minority Ethnic Community Association*, and not One Voice Wales.

Members considered renewals and applications received for dispensations relating to employment and miscellaneous dispensations, as detailed in the circulated report.

- RESOLVED:**
- (a) That the applications for dispensations relating to Employment set out in paragraph 16 to the circulated report, be approved for the Member listed to speak and vote, and that the dispensation runs to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting of Council, 2022;
  - (b) That the application for dispensation set out in paragraph 20, be approved under the circumstances listed at paragraph 21, and that the dispensation runs to the Standards Committee which follows the Annual Meeting 2022.

4. **REMIT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

5. **TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS**

The definition of 'engaging and assisting', as contained within the circulated report, was discussed. It was noted that this may take many forms, including making Town/Community Councils and their clerks aware of how they should be applying the code of conduct through leaflets, talks, training and so on.

**RESOLVED:** That the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer bring a further report to the Standards Committee, concerning training of Town/Community Councils.

**CHAIRPERSON**