

<b>RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD</b>		<b>NOTICE OF MEETING</b>
<b>PWYLLGOR SAFONAU</b>		<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DYDD IAU, 12 MEHEFIN 2025 am 10:00 o'r gloch</b>		<b>THURSDAY, 12 JUNE 2025 at 10.00 am</b>
<b>YSTAFELL BWYLLGOR, SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR AC YN RHITHIOL DRWY ZOOM</b>		<b>COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM</b>
<b>Swyddog Pwyllgor</b>	<b>Mrs Shirley Cooke 01248 752518</b>	<b>Committee Officer</b>

#### **Aelodau Annibynnol / Independent Members**

Mr Thomas Rhys Davies  
Mr Brace Griffiths  
Mr John Robert Jones  
Mrs Gill Murgatroyd  
Mr Trefor Owen

#### **Yn cynrychioli'r Cyngor Sir / Representing the County Council**

Y Cynghorydd/Councillor Margaret M Roberts  
Y Cynghorydd/Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas

#### **Yn cynrychioli'r Cyngorau Tref/Cymuned / Representing the Town/Community Councils**

Mr Iorwerth Roberts  
Mrs Margaret Thomas

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## **A G E N D A**

### **1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive any declaration of interest from a Member or Officer regarding any item of business.

### **2 MINUTES OF MEETING (Pages 1 - 14)**

To confirm the draft minutes of the previous meetings of the Standards Committee held on 6 February and 26 February 2025.

### **3 DEMOCRATIC SERVICES UPDATE (Pages 15 - 16)**

A report by the Head of Democracy.

### **4 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT (Pages 17 - 22)**

A report by the Human Resources Learning and Development Manager.

### **5 CONDUCT COMPLAINTS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (PSOW) (Pages 23 - 26)**

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer in relation to: -

- (a) County Councillors, and
  - (b) Town/Community Councillors
- for Quarter 4 of 2024/25

### **6 DECISIONS BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (Pages 27 - 44)**

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Investigation Outcomes published since the last Standards Committee meeting.

### **7 DECISIONS BY THE ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES (Pages 45 - 56)**

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer on the APW's decisions in Wales since the last Standards Committee meeting.

### **8 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

It is usual practice for a report to be prepared to the Standards Committee by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer on the applications for dispensations considered by the Standards Committee. During the period between

the Standards Committee on 6th February 2025 and the day of publishing this agenda, no applications have been received. On this basis, no report is attached.

**9      UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORUM (Pages 57 - 58)**

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer on the National Forum for Independent Members of Standards Committees in Wales.

**10     DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2024/2025 (Pages 59 - 96)**

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer providing a draft of the Committee's annual report.

**11     CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS (Pages 97 - 102)**

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer detailing the attendance by Town and Community Councillors at training sessions arranged by the Committee in Autumn 2024.

**12     EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 103 - 104)**

To consider adopting the following: -

"Under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test."

**13     CONDUCT ISSUES (Pages 105 - 110)**

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer sharing details of the Decision Notices received from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

**14     EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 111 - 112)**

To consider adopting the following: -

"Under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test."

**15     APPOINTMENTS PROCESS FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Pages 113 - 144)**

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer to provide details of the process to be followed in appointing a new independent member to the Standards Committee in December 2025.