

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 2ND MARCH, 2023

REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER

PRESENT: MR R. ALEXANDER (CHAIR)

Mr R. Lynch
Mr S. Williams
Ms J.L. White
Councillor M. Cross
Councillor L. Winnett

WITH: Head of Legal & Corporate Compliance
(Monitoring Officer)
Data Protection & Governance Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u> No requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
No. 2	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies for absence were received from:- Ms S. Rosser Councillor J. Thomas	
No. 3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.	
No. 4	<u>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</u>	

	<p>The decisions of the Standards Committee held on the 24th January, 2023 were submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the decisions be accepted as a true record of proceedings.</p>	
<p>No. 5</p>	<p><u>ACTION SHEET</u></p> <p>The Action Sheet arising from the meeting held on 24th January, 2023 was submitted.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the action sheet be noted and raised the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the suggestion be made to the Leader that the Standards Committee be renamed 'Ethics & Standards Committee' at Annual Council. • That the current involvement of the Standards Committee to support Town/Community Councils work to remain as it currently stands. • The matter of Town/Community Council representation at the Standards Committee meetings be pursued. • Enhanced description of the work and composition/profile of the Standards Committee be included on the existing webpage including the inclusion of the Annual Report. 	
<p>No. 6</p>	<p><u>STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Annual Report 2021-22.</p> <p>The Committee AGREED that the Annual Report be approved and be presented to Council on 30th March, 2023 and also raised the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair to be invited to attend Council on 30th March to answer any questions/clarify points that may be raised in relation to the Standards Committee Annual Report. • Annual Reports to be developed in January each year with a Standards Committee being held annually in February to discuss, with report going forward to Council in March. 	

<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
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The next meeting of the Standards Committee to be convened late May/early June 2023.	
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