

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19th July, 2022

PRESENT: MR. R. ALEXANDER (CHAIR)

Councillor J. Thomas

Ms. S. Rosser
Mr. F.R Lynch
Mr. S. Williams

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

1. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

No requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.

2. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received for:

Councillor M. Cross and Helen Roberts.

3. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Introductions were undertaken.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest or dispensations were reported.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Standards Committee held on the 28th January, 2022 were submitted.

Following a brief discussion,

The Standards Committee AGREED that the minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

6. RENEWAL OF TERMS OF OFFICE

The Governance & Data Protection Officer explained membership of the Committee as follows:

No Member to exceed a term of 10 years (to include one term of 6 years and a second term of 4 years)

It was reported that two Members of the Committee had reached their 6 year first term, namely Ronnie Alexander and Helen Roberts. However, Helen Roberts had decided not to take up a second term, and as a result there would be a vacancy on the Committee.

It was then proposed that Ronnie Alexander's position on the Committee be formally extended for a term of 4 years, and this was seconded and AGREED.

7. RENEWAL OF CHAIR

Nominations were sought for the appointment of Chair for 2022/23.

It was AGREED that Mr. R. Alexander be appointed Chair of the Standards Committee for 2022/23.

Nominations were then sought for the appointment of Vice-Chair, and it was AGREED that Mr. S. Williams be appointed Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for 2022/23.

8. SECTIONS 62 & 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT & ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021: DUTIES OF LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS

A discussion ensued when the following points of action were raised:

- A Member suggested a review be undertaken of the number of Local Resolutions undertaken by the Monitoring Officer.
- A Member also suggested an overview of the work of the Democratic Services Team, in terms of the training provided for elected Members, be brought to the Standards Committee.
- Consideration of a register of interests.
- Training on dispensations had been granted to Members, and further training to be offered.

- Members of the Standards Committee to meet with Leaders of political groups.

8. FUTURE WORK PLAN/TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS

The following points were raised:

Schedule of meetings for the year.

Monitoring Officer to provide a schedule of training that has been provided for Members.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting with Group Leaders in October.

Next meeting of the Standards Committee – January TBC.
