

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**19<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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