Committee	Standards Committee
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Action :	For information

Background

1. North Wales Standards Committee Forum was established in 2011, and the Chairman and Vice-chairman of each committee were invited to attend, as well as each authority's monitoring officer.

2. Three meetings were held, and the minutes of the meetings held on 15/04/11 and 10/06/11 are attached for information.

3. A meeting was held on 01/11/11 and the letter of the Chairman of the Powys Standards Committee was on the agenda in accordance with the wishes of this Committee. Members will recall that the letter related to the Ombudsman's practice of closing cases where it believes that a standards committee would not impose any penalty. However, it was felt that insufficient delegates were present to fairly represent the views of the Forum and the meeting was therefore adjourned.

Recommendation

4. The Committee is asked to note the information