

**GWYNEDD COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DECISION NOTICE**

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020)

14 February 2022

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Elected Members: Councillors Anne Lloyd Jones and Beth Lawton

Independent Members: Mr Aled Jones, Mr Hywel Eifion Jones, Miss Margaret E. Jones, Mr David Wareing and Dr Einir Young (Chair)

Community Committee Member: Mr Richard Parry Hughes

Also in attendance: Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Sion Huws (Senior Solicitor - Corporate) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer)

Apology: Councillor Dewi Roberts

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SUBJECT

Item 5: TASK AND FINISH GROUP - ETHICAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

DECISION

- (a) To ask the Monitoring Officer to come back with a report to the Committee, in consultation with the Task and Finish Group, on actions in response to the Richard Penn Report.
 - (b) That the Chair and Community Committee Member hold initial discussions with a sample of community and town council clerks, in order to start to understand the needs in the county.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 6: REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION OF A COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLOR MICHAEL STEVENS OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL

DECISION

To approve the report on the outcome of the investigation of a complaint against Councillor Michael Stevens of Tywyn Town Council, to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Cllr. Stevens and the complainant in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones, as she was a member of Tywyn Town Council. She was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest, and she did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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Item 7: ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS

DECISION

To note the information.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 8: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES 2019-20 AND 2020-21

DECISION

To note the reports for information.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Mr Hywel Eifion Jones, as he was a lay member of the Adjudication Panel for Wales. He was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.
