

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE**

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

**13 February 2023**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

**Elected Members:** Councillors Anne Lloyd Jones, Beth Lawton and Dewi Owen.

**Independent Members:** Mr Aled Jones, Mr Hywel Eifion Jones (Chair) and Mr Dave Wareing

**Community Committee Member:** Mr Richard Parry Hughes

**Also in attendance:** Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Sion Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

As there were four elected members and three independent members present at the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Dewi Owen agreed to observe only, to ensure a quorum.

**Apology:** Mr Mark Jones

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**SUBJECT**

Item 1: ELECTION OF CHAIR

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**DECISION**

**To elect Mr Hywel Eifion Jones as chair of this Committee.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 2: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

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**DECISION**

**To elect Mr Aled Jones as vice-chair of this Committee.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 7: ACTION PLAN BASED ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE'S CONSULTATION WITH A SELECTION OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLERKS

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**DECISION**

To approve the Action Plan, which includes the three following elements of support that can be offered to community council members and clerks on matters related to the Code of Conduct:-

1. Advice on specific matters - Continue to contact the Monitoring Officer or the Deputy Monitoring Officer.
  2. Cyngor Gwynedd Website - Standards Committee page to include information and guidelines along with links to other useful websites.
  3. Training - Hold a virtual training session in the form of a 'webinar'.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 8: GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY REGISTER

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**DECISION**

**To note and accept the contents of the report and await a further report on the results of discussions regarding harmonising the threshold for registering gifts and hospitality between authorities on a national level.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 9: STANDARDS COMMITTEE NATIONAL FORUM

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**DECISION**

To note the information.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 10: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES 2021-22

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**DECISION**

To note the report.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 11: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN

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**DECISION**

To note the report.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 12: ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS

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**DECISION**

To note the information.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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Item 14: REPORT BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ON AN INVESTIGATION INTO A COMPLAINT AGAINST A COUNCILLOR

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**DECISION**

1. To invite the person who is the subject of the investigation to submit observations, either orally or in writing, in relation to the conclusions of the investigation and any allegation that he / she has failed to comply with the relevant authority's code of conduct.
  2. To convene a special meeting of the Standards Committee to consider and decide on the matter.
  3. To invite the Ombudsman to the hearing to present the report and/or explain any matters within it.
  4. That officers, in consultation with the Chairman, will arrange a date (and two in reserve) for conducting the hearing.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Decision 1

In favour	4
Against	0
Abstentions	2

Decisions 2-4

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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