

CYNGOR GWYNEDD STANDARDS COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972

9 June 2025

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Elected Members: Councillors Anne Lloyd Jones, Dewi Owen a Beth Lawton

Independent Members: Aled Jones, Hywel Eifion Jones (Chair), Mark Jones, Non Gibson and Sonya Khade.

Community Committee Member: Mr Richard Parry Hughes.

Also in attendance: Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Annes Sion (Democratic Services Team Leader) and Iwan Edwards (Democracy Services Officer).

Apologies: Sion Huws (Property and Elections Manager)

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SUBJECT

Item 5: ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

DECISION:

To approve the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2024/25.

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: 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 7: SELF-ASSESSMENT

DECISION:

To adopt the following as the Standards Committee's self-evaluation of its performance in 2024/25

FUNCTION	ASSESSMENT (1/2/3/4)	Evidence	Further Action
Promote and maintain a high standard of conduct amongst members	1	The Chair and Vice Chair have the Welsh Standards Forum to share experiences with other standards committees. Submit an annual report to the Full Council.	Continue to attend and support
Assist the members to keep to the Code of Conduct	1	The Monitoring Officer and his team provide advice and guidance in meetings and on a one to one basis.	
Advise the Council regarding adopting or amending the Code of Conduct	1	There were no instances where a need to amend the code arose.	
Monitor the operation of the	1	Receive regular reports on allegations against	Continue to monitor.

Code of Conduct		<p>members</p> <p>Receive the annual reports of the Adjudication Panel for Wales and the Ombudsman</p>	<p>Receive annual reports on the declaration of interests register.</p>
Advise, train or arrange training for members on matters relating to the Code of Conduct	2	<p>Training Sessions on the Code of Conduct were undertaken during the year – 2 sessions in December and April. The course is now available as an online resource</p>	<p>Consider new training for Council Members.</p>
Grant dispensations to members	1	<p>There were no instances of making such a decision in the course of the year.</p>	
Deal with reports of tribunals and any reports from the Monitoring Officer on matters referred by the Ombudsman	1	<p>There was no relevant instance during the year.</p>	
Authorise the Monitoring Officer to pay allowances to persons assisting with an investigation	1	<p>No occasion has arisen</p>	
<p>Monitoring compliance by leaders of political groups on the council with their duties under section 52A(1) Local Government Act 2000;</p> <p>Advising, training or arranging to train leaders of political groups on the council about matters relating to those duties.</p>	2	<p>A joint session was arranged with Group Leaders and members of the Standards Committee to consider the duty</p> <p>A meeting was held between the Chair and the Monitoring Officer with the new Leader of the Plaid Cymru Group in the context of the duty</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer has met with the Group Leaders individually to discuss Code of Conduct issues</p>	<p>The arrangements will be undertaken in accordance with the statutory guidance.</p>

Exercise the relevant above functions in relation to community councils	1	<p>The Monitoring Officer and his team provide advice and guidance to councils, members and clerks.</p> <p>A training programme has been started during the year with two sessions held during March.</p>	To continue with the courses and provide an on-line resource.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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Item 8: TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS

DECISION:

To note the information.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

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Item 9: DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MEETINGS

DECISION:

To accept and note the information.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

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No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
