

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL MEETING HELD IN THE SIRHOWY ROOM PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2024 AT 10:00AM.

PRESENT:

P. Brunt (Chair), J. Card, L.M. Davies, L. Jay and V. Yadh (Vice Chair)

Community Councillor A. Gray

County Councillors P. Cook and J. Taylor

Together with:

R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer) L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer) and E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Price. Councillor P. Cook attended as substitute.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 23^{RD} NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd November 2023, be approved as a correct record.

4. PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

Members considered the Public Interest Tests and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was: -

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 and 18C of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. EXEMPT ITEM - REFERRAL OF AN INVESTIGATION REPORT BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES

Having fully considered the Officers report and the report of the Ombudsman for Wales it was moved and seconded and by show of hands the Standards Committee unanimously: -

RESOLVED that there was a case to answer, and a further meeting be convened to which the Member who is the subject of the investigation and the Ombudsman's representative would be invited to attend.

The meeting closed at 11.26 am.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Standards Committee they were signed by the Chair.

CHAIR