



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

**Forward plan of proposed Committee Business for the 2021 - 2022 Municipal Year**

**Specific Period: - September 2021 – April 2022**

***N.B – The work programme is subject to change to take account of any additional / deletion of reports, including any new consultative documents or legislative initiatives from the Welsh Government, which require urgent attention, Public Services Ombudsman For Wales referrals and hearings under the Council’s Local Resolution Protocol – Standards of Conduct to be followed by Members***

Key Decision	Brief Outline	Responsible Officer	Open / Exempt Report	Consultation undertaken prior to Decision being made?
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<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>	<b>24.09.21</b>
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Draft Standards Committee Work Programme	To consider a draft Work Programme for the Committee for the Municipal Year 2021 - 2022	Monitoring Officer	Open	Chair of the Committee
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Summary of Complaints 2020-2021	Summary of Complaints against Members from the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Code of Conduct Casebooks	To consider the Code of Conduct Casebooks for the months January – December 2020 (Issue 24)	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Welsh Government (WG) review of the Ethical and Standards Framework in Wales	To receive an oral Update from the Monitoring Officer on the WG review of the Ethical and Standards Framework in Wales	Monitoring Officer	Open	None

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<b>NOVEMBER 2021</b>	<b>19.11.21</b>
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Dispensation Applications	To consider applications for dispensations made in accordance with The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Annual Report and Letter 2020 - 2021	To provide Members with a summary of Code of Conduct matters as set out in the Ombudsman's Annual Report and Letter to this Council 2020 – 2021	Monitoring Officer	Open	Cabinet / Overview and Scrutiny Committee / Governance & Audit Committee
Review of the Council's Member-Officer Protocol	To consider whether any updates/amendments are required to the Council's Member-Officer Protocol and propose any recommendations to Full Council	Monitoring Officer	Open	Full Council are required to approve any amendments
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Code of Conduct Casebooks	To consider the Code of Conduct Casebooks for the relevant period	Monitoring Officer	Open	None

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Adjudication Panel Decisions	To provide an information report in respect of any recent Adjudication Panel Decisions not previously reported	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
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<b>MARCH 2022</b>	<b>11.03.22</b>
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Standards Committee Annual Report 2021 - 2022	To consider a draft Standards Committee annual report for the Municipal Year 2021 -2022	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Adjudication Panel For Wales Annual Report 2020-2021	To consider the Adjudication Panel For Wales' Annual Report 2021-2022 following publication	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Code of Conduct Training	To receive an update on the plans for Code of Conduct Training as part of the induction of new Councillors following the May 22 Local Elections	Monitoring Officer	Open	None
Update on Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021	To receive an update in respect of aspects of the Act relating to the terms of reference of the Standards Committee and associated ethics issues	Monitoring Officer	Open	None

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<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> (the following items to be considered as and when appropriate / necessary during the Municipal Year)
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Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Code of Conduct Casebook	To provide information in respect of the publication of the Code of Conduct Casebook by the Public Services Ombudsman For Wales	Monitoring Officer	Open	
Dispensation Applications	To consider applications for dispensations made in accordance with The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001	Monitoring Officer	Open	
Local Resolution Protocol – Standards of Conduct To Be Followed By Members	To consider complaints made under Stage 2 of the Local Resolution Protocol	Monitoring Officer	Open	
Public Services Ombudsman For Wales – Members Code of Conduct Complaints	To consider any allegations that a Member has failed or may have failed to comply with the Members Code of Conduct contained in a report of the Public Services	Monitoring Officer	Open	

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	Ombudsman For Wales undertaken under Section 69 of the Local Government Act 2000			
Review of Standards Committee Member's Training Needs	To consider any requirements in respect of Committee Members' training needs	Monitoring Officer	Open	

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