

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: R. Hendicott (Chair); L. Tinsley (Vice-Chair); R. Alexander, P. Hallett and G. Watkins (Independent Members); Councillors R.M. Birch and C.P. Franks.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 be approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment to minute 661 that the words “as this had been a matter for criminal proceedings” in the fourth paragraph of the minute be deleted as this was not an accurate reflection of the discussion.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Franks declared an interest in the dispensation applications relating to Councillor D. Evans as he was a close associate of the applicant and withdrew from the room when the applications were being considered.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T dispensations as set out in the schedule below be granted up to the date of the next Local Government Elections:

<b>Member Requesting Dispensation</b>	<b>Paragraph(s) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 Under Which Dispensation is Granted and as applied for</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Dinas Powys Community Councillor D. Evans	(d), (f) and (h)	To <b>speak and vote</b> on general issues; and <b>speak only</b> in relation to Finance and Property issues relating to Southra Park at Dinas

		Powys Community Council meetings
Dinas Powys Community Councillor D. Evans	(d), (f) and (h)	To <b>speak and vote</b> on general issues; and <b>speak only</b> in relation to Finance and Property issues relating to Seel Park at Dinas Powys Community Council meetings
Dinas Powys Community Councillor D. Evans	(d), (f) and (h)	To <b>speak and vote</b> on general issues; and <b>speak only</b> in relation to Finance and Property issues relating to the management of allotments at Dinas Powys Community Council meetings
Vale of Glamorgan Council Councillor W.A. Hennessy	(d) and (f)	To <b>speak and vote</b> at Council meetings on general matters, but to <b>speak only</b> if the issue is prejudicial, on issues relating to telecare services being a recipient of a telecare service from the Council

#### Reason for decisions

To comply with the regulations and obligations for the grant of dispensations to speak and vote.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5. OBSERVATIONS BY INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (MO/HLDS) –

#### RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the report and the feedback received in respect of observation visits undertaken by Independent Members of the Standards Committee be noted.
- (2) T H A T Independent Members be advised of any outstanding Town and Community Councils that had not received an observation visit at year end and arrangements made for same to be completed.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the observations undertaken and the role of the Standards Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 6. STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Forward Work Programme attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved, it being noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. UPDATE RE NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORUM, ALL WALES MONITORING OFFICERS' GROUP MEETINGS AND GROUP LEADER AND INDEPENDENT MEMBER MEETINGS (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the report be accepted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (MO/HLDS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted having regard to the fact that an update on the correspondence received from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales and any matters arising under Part II of the report would be considered under Part II of the agenda.

Reason for decision

To apprise Members of the Committee.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

AGENDA ITEM 10. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICES  
OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (MO/HLDS) (EXEMPT INFORMATION –  
PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the confidential information provided by the Monitoring Officer at the meeting be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to correspondence received from the Ombudsman, noting that it was confidential at this stage.