



12 May 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you that a Meeting of the Ethics and Standards Committee will be held remotely via video-conferencing on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 10.00 am for the transaction of the following business:

1. **Apologies**
2. **Disclosure of personal / prejudicial interests**
3. **To confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Ethics & Standards Committee held on 18 November 2020 (Pages 3 - 12)**
4. **Matters arising**
5. **S 62 Local Government and Election (Wales) Act 2021 Duties of leaders of political groups in relation to standards of conduct (Pages 13 - 16)**
6. **To discuss with party leaders the methods of promoting and maintaining high standards by conduct by Members of Ceredigion County Council**

To consider applications for dispensation from the following Councillors:-

 - 7a Councillor Rowland Rees-Evans - Ceredigion County Council (Pages 17 - 24)
 - 7b Councillor Mark Strong - Ceredigion County Council (Pages 25 - 30)
 - 7c Councillor Mark Strong - Aberystwyth Town Council (Pages 31 - 36)
8. **Recruitment of Independent Members- update (Pages 37 - 38)**
9. **Update on Code of Conduct matters- Update on recent press articles (Pages 39 - 40)**
10. **Corporate Joint Committees (General) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (Pages 41 - 44)**

11. **Update on Adjudication Panel for Wales matters (Pages 45 - 62)**
12. **Update on the Public Services Ombudsman matters -Consultation on revisions of Code of Conduct Guidance's (Pages 63 - 204)**
13. **Ethics and Standards Committee Annual Report, 2020/21 (Pages 205 - 246)**
14. **Training**
15. **The Ethics and Standards Forward Work Programme 2021/22 (Pages 247 - 250)**
16. **To appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Committee (Pages 251 - 252)**
17. **To consider any other applications for dispensation received since the agenda was published**
18. **Any other matter which the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Committee**

A Translation Services will be provided at this meeting and those present are welcome to speak in Welsh or English at the meeting.

Yours faithfully



Miss Lowri Edwards
Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

To: Chairman and Members of Ethics and Standards Committee
The remaining Members of the Council for information only.