

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 13th July, 2023.

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Present: R. Hendicott (Chair), L. Tinsley (Vice-Chair), R. Alexander, P. Hallett, and G. Watkins (Independent Members); Councillor P. Summers (Town and Community Council Representative); Councillors R.M. Birch, J.E. Charles and C.P. Franks.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June, 2023 be approved as a correct record it being noted that Mrs. Tinsley enquired as to whether the recording of the Community Council visit at Llangan had been received by the Monitoring Officer. Both the Monitoring Officer and Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer advised that no recording had been received, however, a further meeting with the Community Council had been arranged to take place in August 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Franks declared an interest in respect of one of the applications at Agenda Item No. 5 – Applications for Dispensation in that as he also had relatives at Stanwell School and would shortly be submitting a similar application in due course and that he would vacate the room when that application was being considered.

AGENDA ITEM 4. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE RE: STANDARDS COMMITTEE –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Appointments Committee re: Standards Committee held on 26th June, 2023 be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents.

AGENDA ITEM 5. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION (MO/HLDS) –

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

Member Requesting Dispensation	Paragraph(s) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 Under Which Dispensation is Granted and as applied for	Decision
Councillor H.J. Payne	(d), (e), (f) and (i)	To speak and vote at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings on matters relating to the review of Council employee terms and conditions (including budgets) in view of family members being employed by the Authority . Dispensation granted to the date of the next Local Government Elections
Councillor G. Smith	(d), (e) and (i)	To speak only on matters relating to the forthcoming Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan throughout the entire period of consultations relating to the forthcoming Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan 2021-2036. Dispensation granted throughout the entire period of consultation relating to the replacement LDP up until its adoption
Councillor Dr. P. Dickson	(a) and (i)	To speak and vote at Llantwit Major Town Council Planning Committee meetings in relation to Planning Application 2023/00596/FUL – Purlon Farm. The dispensation to be granted for the one meeting when the application is to be discussed.

Councillor G. Morgan	(a) and (i)	To speak and vote at Llantwit Major Town Council Planning Committee meetings in relation to Planning Application 2023/00596/FUL – Purlon Farm. The dispensation to be granted for the one meeting when the application is to be discussed
Councillor D. Foster	(a) and (i)	To speak and vote at Llantwit Major Town Council Planning Committee meetings in relation to Planning Application 2023/00596/FUL – Purlon Farm. The dispensation to be granted for the one meeting when the application is to be discussed
Councillor J. Deakin	(a) and (i)	To speak and vote at Llantwit Major Town Council Planning Committee meetings in relation to Planning Application 2023/00596/FUL – Purlon Farm. The dispensation to be granted for the one meeting when the application is to be discussed
Councillor G. Hughes	(a) and (i)	To speak and vote at Llantwit Major Town Council Planning Committee meetings in relation to Planning Application 2023/00596/FUL – Purlon Farm. The dispensation to be granted for the one meeting when the application is to be discussed

Councillor S. Sivagnanam	(d), (e), (f) and (i)	To speak and vote at Vale of Glamorgan Council meetings when matters are discussed, including budgets, in relation to the school. Dispensation granted to the date of the next Local Government Elections
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Reason for decisions

To comply with the regulations and obligations for the grant of dispensations to speak and vote and having regard to the applications submitted.

AGENDA ITEM 6. OBSERVATIONS BY INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL 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 to Town and Community Council meetings be noted.
- (2) T H A T the feedback in respect of the two observations presented at the meeting be relayed to the Clerk and Chair of the relevant Community Councils by the Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer.
- (3) T H A T the details of the two remaining Town and Community Councils to be observed be emailed to the Independent Members in order that visits can be undertaken as soon as possible.

Reasons for decisions

- (1&2) Having regard to the observations undertaken and the role of the Standards Committee.
- (3) To ensure that all Town and Community Councils had been observed as agreed by the Standards Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 7. UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORUM (MD/HLDS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the report and the verbal updates provided at the meeting of the discussions held at the Forum meeting held on 30th June 2023, be accepted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and the updated provided at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8. STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR PRINCIPAL COUNCILS IN WALES – SUPPORTING PROVISIONS WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021 (MD/HLDS) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer, in conjunction with the Chair, to amend the Group Leaders proforma, as considered appropriate, having regard to Part 2 section 4 paragraphs 4.24, 4.29 and 4.36 of the Statutory and Non-Statutory Guidance issued by Welsh document in June 2023 .

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order that the proforma can be updated as required in line with the Statutory and Non-Statutory Guidance received from Welsh Government and as outlined in the report.

AGENDA ITEM 9. 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 11. 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.