

Friday, 11 March 2022

Notice of meeting

Standards Committee

Monday, 21st March, 2022 at 10.00 am
County Hall, Rhadyr, Usk - Remote Attendance

AGENDA

Item No	Item	Pages
1.	Opening comments from the Chair.	
2.	Apologies for Absence.	
3.	Declarations of Interest.	
4.	To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.	1 - 4
5.	Review of the ethical standards framework (verbal update). https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-10/independent-review-of-the-ethical-standards-framework-in-wales.pdf	
5.1.	Receive feedback from the Standards Conference on 9th February 2022.	
5.2.	Approve an initial response to the Richard Penn report (July 2021) for the Welsh Government.	5 - 8
6.	Code of conduct training (verbal update).	
6.1.	Review training delivered to county and community councillors from April 2020 to March 2022.	
6.2.	Discuss the induction training for councillors planned for May 2022. https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?XXR=0&M=5&DD=2022&ACT=Go	

7.	<p>Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (verbal update).</p> <p>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2021/1/contents</p>	
7.1.	<p>Discuss s62 (duties of political group leaders) which comes into force on 5th May 2022.</p>	
7.2.	<p>Discuss s63 (standards committee annual report) which comes into force on 5th May 2022.</p>	
7.3.	<p>Consider the Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: standards of conduct statutory guidance.</p> <p>Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: standards of conduct statutory guidance [HTML] GOV.WALES</p>	
8.	<p>Discussion on the Planning code of practice / conduct (verbal update).</p> <p>https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/app/uploads/2016/01/Code-of-Conduct-Revised-January-2016.pdf</p>	
9.	<p>Discussion on APW annual report 2020-21 (verbal update).</p> <p>https://adjudicationpanel.gov.wales/sites/adjudicationpanel/files/2021-06/apw-annual-report-2020-21.pdf</p>	
10.	<p>Next Meeting: Monday 10th October 2022 at 10.00am.</p>	

**Paul Matthews
Chief Executive**

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CYNGOR SIR FYNWY

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors:

D. Evans

S. Woodhouse

R. Stow (Independent Member)

R Williams-Flew (Independent Member)

P. Easy (Independent Member)

M. Gibson (Independent Member)

I. Cameron (Community Committee Member)

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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

