

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Standards Committee held at Conference Room - Usk, NP15 1AD on Monday, 15th June, 2026 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillors: Fay Bromfield, Frances Taylor, Peter Strong

Co-opted Members: Ruth Price, Michael John, Rhian Williams-Flew,
Peter Easy, Marion Gibson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicola Perry	Senior Democracy Officer
Geraint Edwards	Head of Litigation and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Adam Fall	Democratic Services Officer
Julian Sanders	Solicitor

APOLOGIES:

Councillors A. Blackmore

1. To appoint a Chair for 2026/2027

Rhian Williams-Flew was elected as Chair for the year 2026/2027.

2. To appoint a Vice Chair for 2026/2027

Ruth Price was appointed as Vice Chair for the year 2026/2027.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2026 were approved.

We noted that the Local Resolution Protocol was confirmed at Full Council in May 2026.

The next meeting date was corrected to 30 November 2026.

5. Notes from the Standards Committees Chair's Forum

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The Chair of the Committee for 2025/2026, Peter Easy presented the minutes from the Standards Committees Chair's Forum. The key points included the ongoing national work on Local Resolution Protocols and an increased emphasis on Group Leaders' responsibility for maintaining standards.

It was noted that the current approach was monitoring officers reporting via annual reports and views were expressed that more direct engagement would be beneficial

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During discussion it was agreed that the Chair and Monitoring Officer will discuss arranging an annual meeting with group leaders.

There was discussion around the role of One Voice Wales and the training provision for community council and the need for better visibility of uptake and effectiveness.

It was agreed that the Monitoring Officer should review contact with town/community councils on LRP, clarify availability and awareness of training and explore availability of relevant data.

The Chair resolved to meet with the Monitoring Officer to discuss:

- Assess use and training needs.
- Clarify engagement with town/community councils and One Voice Wales.

6. Date of next meeting - 30th November 2026

Noted.

The meeting ended at 10.35 am