

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE,  
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

**PRESENT:** H. Rhydderch-Roberts (Chair)

J. Evans, C. Jackson, S. Jarman, Community Councillors C. Evans, H. Pattrick and D. Pugh and County Councillor G. Williams.

**Observers:** County Councillors M. Mackenzie, S. Hayes and P. Medicott

**Officers in Attendance:** C. Pinney (Solicitor to the Council), N. Vaughan (Professional Lead – Legal), W. Richards (Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services) and E Patterson (Scrutiny Officer).

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that Independent Member H Rhydderch-Roberts be appointed as Chair for her term of office.

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>STCS5 – 2015</b>
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No apologies were received.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>STCS6 – 2015</b>
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as a correct record.

<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>STCS7 – 2015</b>
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No declarations of interest were received.

<b>3.</b>	<b>REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL</b>	<b>STCS8 – 2015</b>
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The Sub-Committee received the report of the Solicitor to the Council. (Copy filed with signed minutes)

**A General Standards Issues for County Councillors and Co-opted Members**

**A1. Referral of Councillors to the Public Services Ombudsman.**

The following matters are with the Ombudsman:

04/14/TCC                      Ombudsman is investigating  
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**B. Dispensations.**

No applications for dispensation were received.

**C. Ombudsman's Office**

**C1 New Guidance on Code of Conduct**

This had been published on the website of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

**C2 Ombudsman's Casebook**

This had been published on the website of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

**D. The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No 2) Order 2015**

This had been published on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015. It included an enabling power for Standards Committees to join with neighbouring Standards Committees but there was not requirement to pursue this.

**E. Meeting Dates**

The following dates for the Standards Committee were confirmed:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015

All meetings to commence at 10.00am with the option of training available afterwards.

**Mrs H Rhydderch-Roberts  
Chair**