

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

At: Committee Room 3, Civic Centre Swansea

On: Friday, 4 April 2014

Time: 9.30 am

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Patrick Arran
Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Procurement
28 March 2014

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4)

Councillors

Labour Councillors: 3

Bob A Clay	Clive E Lloyd
Phil Downing	

Liberal Democrat Councillor: 1

L Graham Thomas	
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Name	Term of Office	Name	Term of Office
Jill Burgess	19.10.2012 to 18 10.2018	Clive Walton *	22.02.2005 to 21.02.2015
Meirion Howells	01.08.2008 to 31.07.2016	Jennifer Gomes *	05.12.2008 to 04.12.2016
Adrian Novis *	22.02.2005 to 21.02.2015		

Others:

Executive	One copy
Patrick Arran	Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Procurement – Electronic
Tracey Meredith	Deputy Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Procurement
Huw Evans	Head of Democratic Services
Mike Hawes	Head of Financial Services
Janet Hooper	Directorate Lawyer
Democratic Services	1 Copy
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NOTE:

1. * Denotes that the **period of office cannot be extended further.**
2. The **term of office for Independent Members** can be for not less than 4 nor more than 6 years. They can be reappointed for one further consecutive term but that term cannot be for more than 4 years.
3. **Members of the Local Authority** who are members of the Standards Committee will have a term of office of no more than 4 years or ending at the next ordinary local government election following their election, whichever is the shorter.
4. The Standards Committee **shall not sit if the Independent Members are outnumbered by Councillors.** A Councillor shall remove him/herself from the meeting in order for the business to be transacted.

Agenda Item 2

Disclosures of Interest

To receive Disclosures of Interest from Councillors and Officers

Councillors

Councillors Interests are made in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea. You must disclose orally to the meeting the existence and nature of that interest.

NOTE: You are requested to identify the Agenda Item / Minute No. / Planning Application No. and Subject Matter to which that interest relates and to enter all declared interests on the sheet provided for that purpose at the meeting.

1. If you have a **Personal Interest** as set out in **Paragraph 10** of the Code, you **MAY STAY, SPEAK AND VOTE** unless it is also a Prejudicial Interest.
2. If you have a Personal Interest which is also a **Prejudicial Interest** as set out in **Paragraph 12** of the Code, then subject to point 3 below, you **MUST WITHDRAW** from the meeting (unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Standards Committee)
3. Where you have a Prejudicial Interest you may attend the meeting but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, **provided** that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise. In such a case, you **must withdraw from the meeting immediately after the period for making representations, answering questions, or giving evidence relating to the business has ended**, and in any event before further consideration of the business begins, whether or not the public are allowed to remain in attendance for such consideration (**Paragraph 14** of the Code).
4. Where you have agreement from the Monitoring Officer that the information relating to your Personal Interest is **sensitive information**, as set out in **Paragraph 16** of the Code of Conduct, your obligation to disclose such information is replaced with an obligation to disclose the existence of a personal interest and to confirm that the Monitoring Officer has agreed that the nature of such personal interest is sensitive information.
5. If you are relying on a **grant of a dispensation** by the Standards Committee, you must, before the matter is under consideration:
 - i) Disclose orally both the interest concerned and the existence of the dispensation; and
 - ii) Before or immediately after the close of the meeting give written notification to the Authority containing:

- a) Details of the prejudicial interest;
- b) Details of the business to which the prejudicial interest relates;
- c) Details of, and the date on which, the dispensation was granted; and
- d) Your signature

Officers

Financial Interests

1. If an Officer has a financial interest in any matter which arises for decision at any meeting to which the Officer is reporting or at which the Officer is in attendance involving any member of the Council and /or any third party the Officer shall declare an interest in that matter and take no part in the consideration or determination of the matter and shall withdraw from the meeting while that matter is considered. Any such declaration made in a meeting of a constitutional body shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting. No Officer shall make a report to a meeting for a decision to be made on any matter in which s/he has a financial interest.
2. A "financial interest" is defined as any interest affecting the financial position of the Officer, either to his/her benefit or to his/her detriment. It also includes an interest on the same basis for any member of the Officers family or a close friend and any company firm or business from which an Officer or a member of his/her family receives any remuneration. There is no financial interest for an Officer where a decision on a report affects all of the Officers of the Council or all of the officers in a Department or Service.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 3, CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA ON FRIDAY
21 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT: A Novis (Chair) presided

Councillor(s): **Councillor(s):**

R A Clay P Downing

Independent Members:

J Burgess M Howells C G Walton
J Gomes

Officers:

J Hooper - Directorate Lawyer
H Evans - Head of Democratic Services
G Borsden - Democratic Services Officer

60. **WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed Councillor R A Clay to his first meeting of the Committee.

61. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C E Lloyd and L G Thomas.

62. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interest was declared:

Clive Walton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 67 (1) and 67 (3) as he used to be a neighbour of Councillor W Evans. He left prior to discussion on these items.

63. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 17 January 2014 be accepted as a correct record.

64. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute 54 - Meeting with Group Leaders

The Head of Democratic Services reported back on the responses from the Political Group Leaders about meeting with the Standards Committee.

He indicated that the Leader of the Council was unavailable on 18 March 2014 however the other 3 Political Group Leaders were able to attend.

Members of the Standards Committee agreed that the three Opposition Group Leaders be invited to individually attend the meeting on 18 March 2014 at 2.15, 2.45 and 3.15 and that a date be arranged for individual meetings with the Leader of Council and Chief Executive at a future meeting of the Committee.

65. **UPDATE ON CASES**

The Head of Democratic Services provided an update on current breach of the Code of Conduct investigations.

66. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee were requested to exclude the public during consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendation to the report on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the Exclusion paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the items of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding whether to exclude the public from the meeting for the items of business where the Public Interest Test is relevant as set out in the report.

RESOLVED that the public be excluded for the following items of business.

(CLOSED SESSION)

67. **APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

The Monitoring Officer's report submitted considered applications for dispensation from various Councillors under the Standards (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Councillor W Evans be granted dispensation under paragraph 2(d) and 2(f) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to stay, speak but not vote on matters relating to the disposal of surplus land at Tre Uchaf Primary School and to the disposal of surplus land at any school.
- (2) Councillor J C Richards be granted dispensation under paragraphs 2(d) and 2(f) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to stay, speak and vote on any item relating to general staff employment, on budget matters and any other matters other than those that directly affect her sister-in-law and husband's cousin by specific reference to their posts;
- (3) Councillor D Phillips, J C Richards, N S Bradley, J E Burtonshaw, M C Child, S E Crouch, C R Doyle, W Evans, R C Stewart and M Theaker be granted dispensation under paragraphs 2(d) and 2(f) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to stay, speak and vote on Local Authority (LA) School Governor Appointments unless they have a close personal relationship with any of the applicants under consideration;
- (4) Councillors J E Burtonshaw, C R Doyle and J C Richards be granted dispensation under paragraphs 2(d) and 2(f) of the Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensation) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to stay, speak but not vote on matters relating to the disposal of surplus land at any school.

The meeting ended at 10.35 p.m.

CHAIR

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STANDARDS
COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2014
AT 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: A Novis (Chair) presided

Councillor(s):

P Downing

Councillor(s):

C E Lloyd

Councillor(s):

G Thomas

Independent Members:

J Burgess

J Gomes

M Howells

C G Walton

Officers:

J Hooper - Directorate Lawyer

G Borsden - Democratic Services Officer

68. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R A Clay.

69. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

70. **ANNUAL MEETING WITH POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor E W Fitzgerald to the meeting and explained that she had been invited as Leader of the Independent Group to give her views regarding the role of the Standards Committee and how the work undertaken by this Committee could ensure high standards of behaviour. The Chairman explained that the role of the Standards Committee was both proactive and reactive and stated that it had been agreed that Annual Meetings be held with Group Leaders and the Chief Executive. The Chairman indicated that views were sought regarding the following:

- How you see the role of the Standards Committee.

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- Your understanding of this role.
- How could you help to promote standards and good governance?
- How do you see the future role of the Standards Committee?
- Your views regarding training in respect of the Code.
- How do you consider the dispute resolution process is working?
- Your views in respect of the Swansea Pledge.
- Your views regarding the possible merger of the Standards Committee with the Community / Town Council Standards Sub-Committee.
- Do you think that incorporating the Community Council would / could bring benefits?

Councillor Fitzgerald outlined the following in response:

- No direct contact with the Standards Committee for a number of years, therefore, was only aware of the work undertaken by the Standards Committee through the Annual Report at Council. However, had not had good experiences in dealing with Standards Committee back in 2003.
- The Independent Group had produced their own pledge and they as a group did not feel that it was necessary to sign up to the City and County of Swansea Pledge. No follow-up had been carried out as to those who had signed up to this. The purpose of this pledge was questioned.
- As all Councillors have signed the Code of Conduct it was hoped that within the Group behaviour and conduct was in keeping with the Code.
- The introduction of the local dispute resolution had been beneficial and it was considered that generally behaviour had not got worse.
- One of the main aspects of the Code of Conduct was to treat people with respect and in our Group we try to conduct ourselves in a good manner.

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- It was suggested that one of the reasons that there were considerably less cases now referred to the Ombudsman, was the significant political majority under the new administration and maybe the improved conduct of newly elected Members.
- Had no firm views in relation to the merger of the Standards Committee and the Community/ Town Councils Standards Sub - Committee, however this would probably be a sensible move.

The Leader of the Independent Group was thanked for her views.

The Chairman then welcomed Councillor C Holley, Leader of the Main Opposition Group. He explained that he also had been invited to give his opinion regarding various aspects in relation to the potential role of the Standards Committee.

C Holley outlined the following in response to the views sought as indicated above:-

- The Standards Committee in his view had not altered in the last few years.
- The local dispute resolution has worked to a certain extent but was limited.
- It was suggested that a more proactive role could be achieved by attending both Council meetings, Cabinet, as well as Scrutiny. It was considered that the role of the Standards Members should cover the entire workings of Council.
- Difficulties are now being experienced by Members in that there are a large number of declarations of interests at each meeting as a precaution against being reported to the Ombudsman.
- It was considered beneficial that the Code of Conduct and guidance in respect of this be reviewed regularly to take into consideration changes to legislation.
- It was explained that this Group had not signed up to the City and County of Swansea Pledge as they considered this to be an election manifesto pledge and felt that the Code of Conduct was adequate.
- It was suggested that it could be beneficial if Standards Committee look at Governance and best practice in other Local Authorities.

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- He would have no objection if there was a merger of the Standards and Community/ Town Council Standards Sub Committee.
- The local dispute resolution had helped lower the number of cases referred to the Ombudsman and queried the Ombudsman's inconsistency in some of his decisions.

The Leader of the Main Opposition Group was thanked for his views.

The Chairman then welcomed Councillor P Hood-Williams, Leader of the Conservative Group. He explained that he also had been invited to give his opinion regarding various aspects in relation to the potential role of the Standards Committee.

P Hood-Williams outlined the following in response to the views sought as indicated above:

- It was considered that guidance from the Ombudsman was contradictory and difficult to interpret.
- It was suggested that when the new Ombudsman had been appointed it may be an opportunity for this person to be invited to the Standards Committee.
- The principle in respect of the Pledge was agreed.
- All Members in this Group were fairly experienced and understood the code and it was hoped that they would act in an appropriate manner.
- It could be beneficial having one encompassing committee but the effectiveness would depend on the experience of the Community Councillor appointed.
- The main factor would be that the Committee maintains high standards.

The Leader of the Conservative Group was thanked for his views.

The Chairman indicated that the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive would be invited to future meetings for their views and a report of all these discussions would then be submitted to the Committee.

The meeting ended at 3.40 p.m.

CHAIR

Breach of Code of Conduct

Ombudsman & Standards Committee Complaints 4 April 2014

Name & Address	Date received	Ombudsman Reference	Date opened and file Ref.	Description	Current Status	Update
City and County of Swansea	21/11/2013	201304587	27/11/2013 SC1-00193784	Alleged Breach of the Code	Ombudsman investigating, per letter dated 3 December 2013	

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Standards Committee – 4 April 2014

ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUMMARY

Purpose:	To seek the views of the Political Group Leaders and Chief Executive in relation to the work of the Standards Committee and to ensure high standards of behaviour.
Policy Framework:	None
Reason for Decision:	To ensure high Standards of behaviour
Recommendation(s):	The views of the Political Group Leaders be noted and used as a tool to improve the effectiveness of the Standards Committee

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 12 April 2013, it was suggested that an annual meeting should be held with Political Group Leaders both individually and then collectively in order to ensure high standards of behaviour.
- 1.2 It was resolved that Annual meetings with Political Group Leaders be scheduled into the work plan.
- 1.3 A report was submitted to the Standards Committee on 15 November 2013, and it was agreed that the Political Group Leaders and the Chief Executive be invited to future meetings.
- 1.4 A further report was submitted to the Standards Committee on 17 January 2014 seeking clarity regarding the actual framework and expected outcomes from these meetings. It was agreed that views be sought in respect of the issues listed in Appendix A.
- 1.5 Three Group Leaders have been invited to attend this meeting and future meetings will be arranged for the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to attend individually.

Background Papers:-

Reports to Standards Committee held on 12 April 2013, 15 November 2013 and 17 January 2014

Appendices:-

Appendix A – Areas in respect of which views of Group Leaders will be sought

APPENDIX A

Suggested views regarding the following will be sought:

- How you see the role of the Standards Committee
- Your understanding of this role
- How could you help to promote standards and good governance
- How do you see the future role of the Standards Committee
- Your views regarding training in respect of the Code
- How you consider the dispute resolution process is working
- Your views in respect of the Swansea Pledge
- Your views regarding the possible merger of the Standards Committee with the Community/Town Council Standards Sub Committee.
- Do you think that incorporating the Community Council would/could bring benefits.

Agenda Item 7

Report of the Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Procurement

Standards Committee – 4 April 2014

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Purpose:	To consider whether the Public should be excluded from the following items of business.	
Policy Framework:	None.	
Reason for Decision:	To comply with legislation.	
Consultation:	Legal.	
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that:	
1)	The public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it / they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the Paragraphs listed below of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 subject to the Public Interest Test (where appropriate) being applied.	
	Item Nos.	Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A
	8	12, 13
Report Author:	Democratic Services	
Finance Officer:	Not Applicable	
Legal Officer:	Patrick Arran – Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement (Monitoring Officer)	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, allows a Principal Council to pass a resolution excluding the public from a meeting during an item of business.
- 1.2 Such a resolution is dependant on whether it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as defined in section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Exclusion of the Public / Public Interest Test

- 2.1 In order to comply with the above mentioned legislation, **Council / Cabinet / Committee** will be requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the item(s) of business identified in the recommendation(s) to the report on the grounds that it / they involve(s) the likely disclosure of

exempt information as set out in the Exclusion Paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

- 2.2 Information which falls within paragraphs 12 to 15, 17 and 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended is exempt information if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 2.3 The specific Exclusion Paragraphs and the Public Interest Tests to be applied are listed in **Appendix A**.
- 2.4 Where paragraph 16 of the Schedule 12A applies there is no public interest test. Councillors are able to consider whether they wish to waive their legal privilege in the information, however, given that this may place the Council in a position of risk, it is not something that should be done as a matter of routine.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The legislative provisions are set out in the report.
- 4.2 Councillors must consider with regard to each item of business set out in paragraph 2 of this report the following matters:
 - 4.2.1 Whether in relation to that item of business the information is capable of being exempt information, because it falls into one of the paragraphs set out in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended and reproduced in Appendix A to this report.
 - 4.2.2 If the information does fall within one or more of paragraphs 12 to 15, 17 and 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the public interest test as set out in paragraph 2.2 of this report.
 - 4.2.3 If the information falls within paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in considering whether to exclude the public members are not required to apply the public interest test but must consider whether they wish to waive their privilege in relation to that item for any reason.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix A - Public Interest Test

Public Interest Test

No.	Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A
12	Information relating to a particular individual.
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 12 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that to make this information public would disclose personal data relating to an individual in contravention of the principles of the Data Protection Act. Because of this and since there did not appear to be an overwhelming public interest in requiring the disclosure of personal data he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
13	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 13 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the individual involved was entitled to privacy and that there was no overriding public interest which required the disclosure of the individual's identity. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
14	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 14 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that:</p> <p>a) Whilst he was mindful of the need to ensure the transparency and accountability of public authority for decisions taken by them in relation to the spending of public money, the right of a third party to the privacy of their financial / business affairs outweighed the need for that information to be made public; or</p> <p>b) Disclosure of the information would give an unfair advantage to tenderers for commercial contracts.</p> <p>This information is not affected by any other statutory provision which requires the information to be publicly registered.</p> <p>On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
15	Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the

	Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 15 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that whilst he is mindful of the need to ensure that transparency and accountability of public authority for decisions taken by them he was satisfied that in this case disclosure of the information would prejudice the discussion in relation to labour relations to the disadvantage of the authority and inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
16	Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
	No public interest test.
17	Information which reveals that the authority proposes: (a) To give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) To make an order or direction under any enactment.
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 17 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the authority's statutory powers could be rendered ineffective or less effective were there to be advanced knowledge of its intention/the proper exercise of the Council's statutory power could be prejudiced by the public discussion or speculation on the matter to the detriment of the authority and the inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
18	Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 18 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the authority's statutory powers could be rendered ineffective or less effective were there to be advanced knowledge of its intention/the proper exercise of the Council's statutory power could be prejudiced by public discussion or speculation on the matter to the detriment of the authority and the inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
18c	The deliberations of a Standards Committee or of a sub committee of a Standards Committee established under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any finding of a matter referred to it.

Agenda Item 8

By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 13 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972
as amended by the Local Government (Access to
Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

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