



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Standards Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Friday, 31 July 2020 at 10.00 am

Present: Jill Burgess (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

J A Hale

Councillor(s)

M B Lewis

Councillor(s)

L G Thomas

Co-opted Member(s)

Philip Crayford
Gareth Evans

Co-opted Member(s)

Margaret Williams
Michaela Jones

Co-opted Member(s)

Mike Lewis

Officer(s)

Tracey Meredith
Huw Evans
Allison Lowe

Chief Legal Officer / Monitoring Officer
Head of Democratic Services
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Nil

13 **Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

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

14 **Minutes.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Standards Committee held on 12 November 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

15 **Exclusion of the Public.**

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the item(s) of business identified in the recommendation to the report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exemption paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item(s) of business set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding whether to exclude the public from the meeting for the item(s) of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant as set out in the report.

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

(Closed Session)

16 Unreasonable Customer Behaviour Policy Appeal.

The Monitoring Officer presented a report in order for the Standards Committee to adjudicate on an appeal under the Unreasonable Customer Behaviour Policy.

She outlined the background to the case, details of the Unreasonable Customer Behaviour Policy, representations made from the parties concerned and the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee.

The Committee asked various questions, which the Monitoring Officer responded to accordingly.

Resolved that the Standards Committee uphold the action of the Local Authority in invoking the Unreasonable Customer Behaviour Policy and uphold the sanction imposed.

The meeting ended at 10.27 am

Chair