

**COFNODION CYFARFOD O'R PWYLLGOR SAFONAU A GYNHALIWDYD YN
YSTAFELL GYFARFOD 2, NEUADD Y DREF, WRECSAM AR DYDD IAU, 6
MEHEFIN 2019**

AELODAU

Y Cynghorydd Mr Michael Pugh, Cadeirydd
Y Cynghorydd Mr Neil Benson, Is-Gadeirydd

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| * Ms Julie Adams | Y Cynghorydd Andrew Atkinson |
| * Mrs Claire Blanchard | Y Cynghorydd I David Bithell, MBE |
| Mrs Sandra Hunt | Y Cynghorydd Kevin Hughes |
| * Mr Geoff Edwards - Cynghorydd Cymuned | |

*Yn absennol

1 YMDDIHEURIADAU AM ABSENOLDEB

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Julie Adams.

2 CADARNHAU COFNODION

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2019 be signed as a correct record.

3 RECRIWTIO AELODAU ANNIBYNNOL

The Deputy Monitoring Officer submitted a report (COGC/22/19) asking Members to consider amending the recently agreed process for the recruitment of an independent member on the Standards Committee.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented the report, advising Members that since the recruitment process and specific membership of the Selection Panel had been agreed at the March Meeting, the Chief Officer Governance & Customer had received notification that one of the independent members, Mrs Claire Blanchard wished to resign from the Committee. The Council would therefore have to follow the statutory procedure for recruitment of two new independent members as required by the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended).

The Committee made reference to the contribution made during Mrs Blanchard's time as an independent member and wished her well for the future.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and the recruitment process, as agreed by the Committee in March 2019, be amended to include recruitment for two independent members.

Reason for decision

To ensure the Standards Committee is constituted in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

4 **GWEITHDREFN RHANNU PRYDERON**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report (COGC/20/19) to advise the Committee on the operation of the Whistleblowing Policy and to advise of any changes in practice introduced as a result of concerns raised under the Policy.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented the report and advised that four whistleblowing concerns had been raised in the past year, three of which were currently in progress. Members noted that the concerns were reviewed by the Monitoring Officer, and of the concerns raised, there had been nothing to indicate that there were recurring issues, and instead were one off issues that were being investigated to ensure appropriate action was being taken.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Reason for decision

To fulfil the Standards Committee function of overseeing the Council's Whistleblowing regime.

5 **ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL PANEL DYFARNU CYMRU**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report (COGC/19/19) to inform Members of the publication of the Annual Report 2017 – 2018 of the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

It was noted that the most common breaches of the Code related to:

- failure to show respect/equality/bullying
- bringing office/authority into disrepute
- failure to disclose an interest and/or withdraw

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Reason for decision

To inform Members of the work undertaken by the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

6 **RHAGLEN WAITH GYNLLUNIEDIG - MEDI 2019 TO MEHEFIN 2020**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer submitted a report (COGC/21/19) asking Members to consider the proposed items in the Forward Work Programme for the period September 2019 to June 2020.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Reason for decision

To approve the list of items included in the Forward Work Programme.

7 DYDDIAD AC AMSEROEDD CYFARFODYDD

Members noted that the Quarterly Meetings of the Standards Committee in 2019/2020 would be held on:

5 September 2019
5 December 2019
5 March 2020
4 June 2020

All meetings will be held in the Guildhall, Wrexham.

8 UNRHYW EITEMAU ERAILL Y MAE'R CADEIRYDD YN PENDERFYNU EU BOD YN RHAI BRYD

Constitution

Members were advised that the Council's Constitution had recently been revised and published on the Council's website. It was noted that the statutory details regarding the Standards Committee were unchanged.

North Wales Standards Forum

It was noted that the North Wales Standards Forum was due to take place in Flintshire on 24 June 2019. One of the topics for discussion was whether there was any potential in holding joint Standards Committees across North East Wales.

Y Cynghorydd Mr Michael Pugh
Cadeirydd