



## **FULL COUNCIL - INFORMATION REPORT**

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To: *Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen*

## **OVERVIEW OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The report provides Members with an overview of the work carried out by the current Standards Committee for the period 2019 - 2021.

### **2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As members are aware the Standards Committee comprises of 5 independent members, 3 Councillor members and 1 Community Council representative.
- 2.2 The independent members are appointed for a period of 4 years or no more than 6 years and may not be re-appointed and the Councillors are appointed annually by Council at the AGM. The Community Council representative continues as a member of the Committee until his/her term of office ends or he/she ceases to be a community councillor or until he/she is replaced by another nominee.
- 2.3 In order to formalise arrangements and maximise its opportunities to monitor the performance of the Authority, the Standards Committee previously agreed a timetabled work programme which consists of regular updates on the Authority's Whistleblowing Policy, Complaints and Compliments received by the Authority and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' Annual Report. Other duties carried out (when required) are Councillor dispensation applications, complaints of misconduct referred by the Ombudsman and determination of complaints under the Authority's Local Dispute Resolution Policy.
- 3.0. It was agreed at the Standards Committee on the 29th January 2021 that an overview of the work carried out by the Standards Committee for the period 2019-2021 be reported to Full Council for information, which is attached at Appendix 1.

## 4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

4.1 There are no financial implications to the Authority from this report.

## 5.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Neutral / Not Applicable	
<b>1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives</b>	0 of 4	0 of 4	4 of 4	
<b>2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>	0 of 5	0 of 5	5 of 5	
<b>3. Protected Characteristics</b> <i>(including Welsh Language)</i>	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10	
<b>4. Socio-economic Disadvantage</b>	0 of 6	0 of 6	6 of 6	
<b>5. Consultation and Engagement</b>	Undertaken	Due to be Undertaken	Not Required	
	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1	
<b>6. Data and Evidence to inform the proposal</b>	Yes		No	
	0 of 1		1 of 1	
<b>7. Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems</b>	Maintained	Enhanced	Reduced	Neutral / N/A
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<b>Summary</b>				
<b>The main positive impacts are:</b>				
<b>The main negative impacts are:</b>				

**ELLIS COOPER**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**COUNCILLOR ANDREW BARRY**  
**CABINET MEMBER FOR GOVERNANCE**  
**AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		
<b>Title of Document(s)</b>	<b>Document(s) Date</b>	<b>Document Location</b>
<b>Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?</b>		<b>No</b>

***Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.***