



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN ON
TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH 2006 AT 5.15 P.M.**

PRESENT:

M.G. Warrender - (Chairman)

Councillor:

A.J. Pritchard
Community Councillor C. Roberts
Messrs. L.G. Davies, D.R. Parry and Mrs. E.J. Rowlands

Together with:

I.G. Medicott (Monitoring Officer) and J.A. Fairfax (Members Services Manager).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L.R. Rees and his substitute N. Dix and Mr. K.C. Mock

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 5th January 2006 (minute nos. 1 – 6, page nos. 1 – 2) and 9th January 2006 (minute no. 1, page no. 1) were approved and signed as a correct record.

2. APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION

No applications had been received.

3. COMPLAINTS TO THE OMBUDSMAN

Details of the complaints dealt with by the Ombudsman and those still awaiting determination were noted and it was agreed that information should be presented to the Committee's next meeting on the complaint referred to in paragraph 1(11) – Code of Conduct.

4. DRAFT STANDARDS COMMITTEE (WALES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS N2006

Consideration was given to the report of the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the contents of the draft regulations be noted;
- (ii) the response to the consultation exercise is that the Council welcomes the regulations in their present draft format and has no comment on their content.

5. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that:-

- (a) the Committee should consider the way in which it deals with matters under its jurisdiction with a view to becoming more proactive and that in line with this an invitation to attend the next meeting should be extended to a representative from the Wales Audit Office to make a presentation on the Whistleblowing Policy;
- (b) the Committee should consider the mechanism currently in place for dealing with applications for grants for dispensation;
- (c) if available, comparable statistics of matters dealt with by other local authority Standards Committees across Wales be presented to Members.

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN