

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT:

M.G. Warrender - Chairman K.C. Mock - Vice Chairman

Councillors:

J.M. Criddle, L.R. Rees

Messrs. L.C. Davies, D.R.G. Parry and Mrs. E.J. Rowlands Community Councillor I. Racz

Together with:

Monitoring Officer (D. Perkins), Deputy Monitoring Officer (Mrs. G. Williams), Public Sector Housing Manager (G. North) and Members Services Manager (J.A. Fairfax).

APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received from Councillor. G.G. Hibbert.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2008 (minute nos. 1 - 6, page nos. 1 - 2) were approved and signed as a correct record.

3. GRANTS OF DISPENSATION

No applications had been received.

5. COMPLAINTS TO THE OMBUDSMAN

Details of the complaints made to the Ombudsman which had been rejected as not accepted for formal investigation or that he was satisfied with the action taken and those cases which were the subject of ongoing enquiries were noted.

6. REPORTS FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES (MR & MRS 'A' AND 'B' AND MR AND MRS 'P')

Consideration was given to the reports of the Monitoring Officer with those of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on two maladministration complaints made against the Authority.

A detailed discussion took place on both reports which had been issued under Section 21 of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 the first referred to as Mr and Mrs A and their neighbours Mr and Mrs B and the second as Mr and Mrs P. The Public Sector Housing Manager was present to answer the questions asked and explain the actions taken.

RESOLVED that the Ombudsman's reports including his recommendations be accepted.

6. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held in January 2009 and that the agenda should include matters highlighted within the Code of Conduct training held the previous day e.g. an explanation of the "closed mind" concept.

The meeting closed at 3 pm.	
-	CHAIRMAN