

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT:

Councillors: P. Cook and J. Taylor

Standards Committee Lay Members: P. Brunt (Chair), J. Card, L.M. Davies, L. Jay and V. Yadh (Vice Chair)

Community Councillor: A. Gray.

Officers: R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor J. Scriven

A. Ginwalla and M. Phelps (For the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor D. Price (Councillor P. Cook attending as substitute)

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received.	No vote required.
3.	Minutes of the Standards Committee held on 19 th January 2024	Approved as a correct record.	Unanimously.
4.	Referral of an Investigation Report by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.	Having fully considered the Officer's report, the report of the Ombudsman along with the representations from the Ombudsman's representative and Councillor Scriven, the Standards Committee: - RESOLVED that Councillor Scriven had breached paragraph 6(1) (a) of the Code of Conduct for Members and that the appropriate sanction be censure. Councillor Scriven should have been careful in his use of social media and although the Standards Committee accepted that Councillor Scriven had not meant to cause offence with his post, it had indeed caused offence to the	Unanimously

		<p>public at large and he had accepted this was criminal offence.</p> <p>The Standards Committee in its censure RESOLVED that Councillor Scriven undertake further code of conduct training with the Monitoring Officer and on the use of Social Media.</p>	
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