

## STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

### FEEDBACK ON OBSERVATIONS OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting:	CARDIFF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Date:	27/1/22 at 4.30 pm

Please provide feedback on the following:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Room Layout:	Meeting held virtually
Name plates/ identification of Committee; Witnesses and Officers:	All Councillors were named by the Mayor when called on to speak. Due to the nature of the virtual meeting only some initials shown on screen for members attending
Ability to hear proceedings:	The proceedings could be heard very well with no difficulty
Agenda and reports availability:	The agenda and all reports were available prior to the meeting on the Council website
Management of meeting:	The Mayor was excellent in his meeting management, although the meeting overran through no fault of his
Clarity of decision making:	Decisions, in the main, were clearly defined

#### Possible Code of Conduct/ Standards and Ethics Issues:

There were a number of councillors who declared a personal interest in matters either at the start of the Council meeting or when matters arose that required a declaration to be made. I was not aware as to whether those councillors had previously or subsequently declared their personal interest in accordance with Part III of the CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF.

One councillor referred to having been treated in a racist manner in the past. The Leader of the Council requested that the councillor forward to him evidence of such racism.

I did not observe any other significant issues that would concern the Standards and Ethics Committee.

I thought that all members largely treated each other with respect and behaved in a professional manner even where there was a difference of opinion on issues.

I agree that my feedback can be shared with the Council

Name:	ARTHUR HALLETT
Date:	28/1/22

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Meeting:	Cardiff – Full Council
Date:	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2022

Please provide feedback on the following:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Room Layout:	Online Meeting
Name plates/identification of Committee; Witnesses and Officers:	Not applicable
Ability to hear proceedings:	No issues
Agenda and Reports availability:	Available online
Management of Meeting:	Good
Clarity of decision making:	There were some issues on voting procedure raised by some members

<b>Possible Code of Conduct/Standards and Ethics Issues:</b>
<p>During the agenda item on the Diverse Council Declaration Report a Cllr in making comments about racism said “ I state quite openly that I have been treated in a racist way by officers of Cardiff Council.....”.</p> <p>At that juncture the Lord Mayor interrupted him to remind him the meeting was being recorded although subsequently went on to say he did not feel the Cllr had over stepped the mark.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council later remarked that the Cllr “makes very serious allegations concerning members of staff of this authority” “and I would urge him therefore to bring forward those allegations so they can be properly investigated”</p> <p>The S&amp;E committee have no remit to discuss staff matters but is there a potential to bring the council into disrepute.</p>

I agree that my feedback can be shared with the Council and/or the Community Council (if applicable).

Name:	Stuart Thomas
Date:	1/2/2022