

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19/10/18

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS 2018

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the report

Reasons:

The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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**CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY
COUNCILLORS 2018**

In accordance with previous decisions of the committee correspondence was sent to all Town and Community Councils in the County inviting them to send representatives to two training sessions on the members code of conduct which were held in County Hall Carmarthen on the evenings of the 14th and 26th June.

The training was provided by Mr Robert Edgecombe (Legal Services Manager/Deputy Monitoring Officer) and Mrs Ann Evans (Senior Solicitor), with assistance from Miss Catrin Rees (Trainee Solicitor). Mrs Linda Rees-Jones (Monitoring Officer) also attended the session on the 14th June and contributed significantly to the discussions.

33 delegates attended the session on the 14th June and 47 the session on the 26th June. This represents a slight reduction in overall attendance compared to previous years. These 80 delegates between them represented 30 different Town and Community councils.

All delegates were asked to complete feedback forms and the responses were overwhelmingly positive. Some delegates have asked that the welsh language element of the presentation be extended further in future sessions.

Copies of the presentation, case studies and the 'easy use' guide on personal interests have also been sent to all Town and Community Councils since the training sessions were held.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE | Legal NONE | Finance NONE | ICT NONE | Risk Management Issues NONE | Staffing Implications NONE | Physical Assets NONE |
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CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

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Head of Administration and Law

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2. Local Member(s)

Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council

Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners

Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
|-------------------|----------------|---|
| Legal files | DPSC-163 & 164 | Legal Services, County Hall |