

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

15/03/19

CODE COMPLIANCE DATA		
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 STANDARDS COMMITTEE 15/03/19

CODE COMPLIANCE DATA

The Standards Committee receives an annual report (usually at its December meeting) as to the level of code compliance by Town and Community Councillors during the preceding municipal year.

The report captures;

1. Number of code complaints to the Ombudsman
2. Number of declarations of interest
3. Number of dispensation applications
4. Whether any councillors have received code training

Data in respect of items 1 and 3 are already in the possession of the County Council. Data in respect of item 2 should be available online as part of published minutes of meetings. However not all Councils do this.

Unfortunately a significant number of Councils do not respond to written requests for this information.

At its meeting in December 2018 the committee indicated that it wished to give further consideration to what data it should seek to obtain and how best to improve the data it received, particularly in relation to items 2 and 4.

In addition the committee indicated that it also wished to consider receiving similar data in respect of County Councillors.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
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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

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

Signed: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

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 file	DPSC-168	Legal Services, County Hall