

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
3RD DECEMBER 2015**

WALES AUDIT OFFICE WHISTLE-BLOWING CONFERENCE

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 3RD DECEMBER 2015

WALES AUDIT OFFICE WHISTLE BLOWING CONFERENCE

On the 29th October the Wales Audit Office hosted a Conference on Whistle Blowing at the SWALEC Stadium in Cardiff.

The purpose of the Conference was to share best practice across a wide variety of public and third sector agencies from across the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

The Council was represented at the Conference by the Leader Cllr Emlyn Dole, Deputy Leader Cllr David Jenkins and the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

Following a keynote speech by the Auditor General for Wales, presentations were received from;

1. Cathy James of Public Concern at Work (Appendix 1)
2. Ian Hughes of Wales Audit Office (Appendix 2)
3. Neil Gray of the Northern Ireland Audit Office
4. Duncan Warmington of the European Institute for Combating Corruption and Fraud

Carmarthenshire's practice of producing an easy to read guide and distributing it to all staff was highlighted as an example of good practice.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

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: L. Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

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

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: L. Rees-Jones

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 file	DPSC-140	Legal Services, County Hall