

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13/09/19

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2019		
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 2019

The Standards Committee hosts code of conduct training sessions, aimed primarily at Town and Community Councillors and their clerks every summer. This year they took place as follows;

Wednesday 10th July (Carmarthen) – moved from Llanelli due to lack of interest.

Tuesday 16th July (Carmarthen)

49 people attended the session on the 10th July and 45 the session on the 16th July. The latter is particularly disappointing as a total of 87 spaces had been booked that evening and only 2 apologies were received.

Overall this represents only a slight increase (7) in the number of attendees compared to 2018 despite efforts to promote the events.

A total of 43 different authorities were represented between the 2 events. This represents a sizable increase over the 30 councils represented in 2018.

Although no direct invitation was issued to County Councillors (due to the number of Town & community Councillors expected to attend), a total of 6 ‘twin-hatted’ councillors attended the sessions. The committee therefore needs to decide what to do about code training for County councillors as the last session was run in 2017.

Overall the feedback from attendees was positive, with delegates stating that the sessions provided a useful reminder of the code and its obligations. There were a small number of negative comments about the sound system and the format of the sessions, but these views were not shared by the vast majority. Although some interest was expressed in a separate event for Council clerks, there was no overwhelming support for this. Even so it may be something worthwhile considering in the future.

In addition to the attendance outlined above, 1 council confirmed its members had received already received code training from One Voice Wales earlier this year. Subsequently another council has asked for their members to receive training at a separate event in September.

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

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

(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-172	Legal Services, County Hall