

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE BY TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> To consider the report		
<b>Reasons:</b> The subject matter of the report falls within the remit of the Committee		
Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments: Not applicable		
Exec Board Decision Required NO		
Council Decision Required NO		
<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-</b> Cllr E Dole (Leader) and Cllr M Stephens (Deputy Leader)		
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
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COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS**

As part of its role in monitoring Code compliance by Town and Community Councillors, the Committee receives reports detailing the levels of code training received, declarations of interest made, dispensation requests granted and Code complaints registered in respect of Town and Community Councils within the County.

A request for this information was submitted to all Town and Community Councils in the County.

The attached spreadsheet sets out the information provided and allows for comparison with previous years.

As can be seen, there continue to be significant variations between councils as to the extent to which declarations of interest are made and/or dispensations sought, although there appears to be no correlation between these factors and the level of code of conduct training provided.

Similarly there appears to be no clear evidence of any correlation between the provision of code training and the number of code complaints nor is there is a consistent pattern of complaints against particular councils.

Unlike in previous years a high proportion of Councils have responded to the request for information. Only 11 councils failed to respond.

Overall however the statistical evidence appears to suggest a generally good level of Code compliance by Town and Community Councillors across the County.

**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: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

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

## 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-173	Legal Services, County Hall