

Standards Committee
04/03/2024

Subject

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

Purpose:

To agree the arrangements for the 2024 code training sessions

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To agree the number and timing of sessions and how they are to be delivered.

Reasons:

The committee has arranged annual training sessions for a number of years

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Not applicable

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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For several years, the Standards Committee has arranged code of conduct training sessions for Town and Community Councillors. These usually take place during June and July and have been a mixture of in-person, hybrid and remote sessions, depending on the circumstances at the time.

The committee considered a report in September 2023 regarding that years sessions and endorsed the suggestion that consideration be given to holding future sessions remotely, given the low level of in person attendance and the additional resources required to facilitate a hybrid meeting.

Following discussions with the Council's Head of Democratic Services it has been agreed that it should be possible to live webcast the training session and for council clerks to be provided with a link to the recording of the session, which would be hosted on the Council's website and accessible for up to 6 months. This should overcome the difficulties that some councils had in accessing the recording of last year's sessions.

If it this approach is agreed, it is suggested that only one session need take place, timed to take place during working hours. The session would be held in June or July, according to the availability of the presenters.

The training presentation has been reviewed and updated to include the latest decisions by the Adjudication Panel for Wales. A copy of the updated presentation is attached.

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	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
NONE	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: Linda Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

2. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination	NA
Scrutiny Committee	
Date the report was considered:-	
Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-	

2. Local Member(s)

NA

3. Community / Town Council

NA

4. Relevant Partners

NA

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

NA

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

NA

NA

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THERE ARE NONE