

Standards Committee Forward Plan

FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2024 TO MAY 2025

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Lead Member	Lead Officer
<p>Group Leaders' Duty Consider the information provided by the Political Group Leaders on the Council in relation to their duties under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.</p>	Standards Committee	22 Apr 2024		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
<p>Review of Adjudication Panel for Wales and Ombudsman Decisions Agree the arrangements for Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councillors later in the year.</p>	Standards Committee	24 May 2024		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
<p>Review of Whistleblowing Policy Review the operation of the policy during 2022-2023 and identify any changes required to the policy itself</p>	Standards Committee	24 May 2024		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
<p>Annual Report to Full Council Consider the draft Annual Report to be presented to Full Council in accordance with the committee's duties under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021</p>	Standards Committee	24 May 2024		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
<p>Review of Disciplinary Hearing Procedure Review the procedure for the conduct of disciplinary hearings against Councillors.</p>	Standards Committee	24 May 2024		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>

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<p>Review Minutes of Meetings of the All-Wales Standards Committees Chairs Forum Identify items of learning and best practice</p>	Standards Committee	24 May 2024		<p><i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Review of Action Log Reviewing the Committee action log to note progress on agreed actions and identify additional actions for inclusion</p>	Standards Committee	24 May 2024		<p><i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, Gaynor Morgan, Head of Democratic Services Tel: 01267 224026 GMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Review of Adjudication Panel for Wales and Ombudsman Decisions Review recent disciplinary decisions by the APW and PSOW to identify relevant points of learning.</p>	Standards Committee	9 Sep 2024		<p><i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Review of Annual Code of Conduct Training Exercise Review the annual Code of Conduct training provided to Town and Community Councillors.</p>	Standards Committee	9 Sep 2024		<p><i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Ombudsman's Annual Report Consider the Annual Report issued by the Ombudsman and identify any actions arising.</p>	Standards Committee	9 Sep 2024		<p><i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>

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<p>Annual Code of Conduct Data Exercise Review the responses received from Town and Community Councils to the annual request for Code of Conduct data.</p>	Standards Committee	9 Sep 2024		<p><i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>
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<p>Protocol for Dealing with Low Level Code Complaints Review the Protocol and the complaints dealt with</p>	Standards Committee	9 Dec 2024		<p><i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i></p>

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<p>Group Leaders' Duty Agree the advice and guidance to be given to the Political Group Leaders regarding the preparation of their annual reports to Standards Committee under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021</p>	Standards Committee	9 Dec 2024		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
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<p>Code of Conduct Data Exercise Agree the scope and nature of the data to be gathered.</p>	Standards Committee	3 Mar 2025		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
<p>Review of Adjudication Panel for Wales and Ombudsman Decisions Review recent disciplinary decisions by the APW and PSOW to identify relevant points of learning.</p>	Standards Committee	3 Mar 2025		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
<p>Code of Conduct Training Agree the arrangements for Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councillors later in the year.</p>	Standards Committee	3 Mar 2025		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>

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Forward Work Plan Agree the Forward Work Plan for 2025-2026	Standards Committee	3 Mar 2025		<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
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Dispensation Requests Determine requests for dispensation as and when received.	Standards Committee			<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>
Disciplinary Hearings Deal with breaches of the Code of Conduct following any referral from the Ombudsman.	Standards Committee			<i>Robert Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager RJEdgeco@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</i>