

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

17th MARCH 2017

Code of Conduct training for Town and Community Councillors

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- That the Committee considers the training presentation and agrees dates for the proposed sessions.

Reasons:

- The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee.

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:	NOT APPLICABLE
Executive Board decision required:	NO
Council Decision required:	NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Emlyn Dole (Leader)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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For several years the Standards Committee has arranged training sessions on the Members Code of Conduct for Town and Community Councillors. These have been held in County Hall in June, and the 2016 sessions were well received with approximately 100 delegates in attendance over two evenings.

Preparations are now being made to repeat these sessions in 2017 and a revised presentation is attached which seeks to incorporate feedback from last year's events and reflect that following the local government elections in May 2017 there is likely to be an increase in the number of Town and Community Councillors without any previous knowledge of the Code of Conduct.

The main change is the re-writing of the section on Personal Interests. Although the reference to the 'easy use' guide is retained, the slides setting out the various grounds that give rise to a personal interest have been re-inserted to better explain to new councillors their obligations under this part of the Code. In addition;

1. A new section has been inserted setting out those personal interests which the Code provides are NOT prejudicial.
2. A new section has been inserted setting out where to get advice and emphasising the role of the Clerk.

Once the presentation has been finalised it will be send for translation.

As regards the venue and dates for these training sessions, the Committee needs to decide whether to repeat last year's arrangements (two evening sessions in County Hall), increase the number of sessions and/or host them at a variety of locations outside of County Hall.

The committee will also need to decide whether to place a limit upon the number of delegates that attend from each council and/or give priority particular groups such as newly elected councillors or council clerks.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO – however, revised presentation attached

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 & 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: Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration & Law

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A
2. Local Member(s) – N/A
3. Community / Town Council – N/A
4. Relevant Partners – N/A
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

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-148 / Legal Services, County Hall