## STANDARDS COMMITTEE 06/12/17

# CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE BY TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

#### **Recommendations / key decisions required:**

To consider the report

#### **Reasons:**

The subject matter of the report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required

Council Decision Required

NO

NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

Cllr M Stephens (Deputy Leader)

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY STANDARDS COMMITTEE 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

#### CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE BY TOWN AND 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 information was submitted in April 2016 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 incidence of code complaints.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES



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### **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 Legal Finance ICT Risk Staffing Physical & Disorder Management Implications Assets Issues and Equalities 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 (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-155** Legal Services, County Hall



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