

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19/10/18

WLGA SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS						
Recommendations / key decisions required: To note the guidance						
Reasons: The use of social media a factor in many cases where a councillor is found to have breached the members' code of conduct.						
Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments: Not applicable						
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)						
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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WLGA SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS

The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) recognises that social media is playing an increasingly important role in local politics and has prepared a guide for councillors in relation to its use.

The guide explains some of the more common types of social media that are available and sets out both the advantages and disadvantages of social media use.

The guide also sets out some 'Golden rules' for social media use and specifically addresses the relationship between social media and the members code of conduct.

Finally the guide also references the various criminal and civil liabilities that could arise from misuse of social media.

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 NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

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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-164	Legal Services, County Hall