

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## 13/09/19

CODE COMPLIANCE DATA	
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> To consider the report	
<b>Reasons:</b> The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee	
Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments: Not applicable	
Exec Board Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)		
Directorate		
Chief Executives		
Name of Head of Service:	Designations:	
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY STANDARDS COMMITTEE 13/0919

## CODE COMPLIANCE DATA

The Standards Committee receives an annual report (usually at its December meeting) as to the level of code compliance by Town and Community Councillors during the preceding municipal year.

The report captures;

1. Number of code complaints to the Ombudsman
2. Number of declarations of interest
3. Number of dispensation applications
4. Whether any councillors have received code training

Unfortunately a significant number of Councils do not respond to written requests for this information.

At its meeting in March 2019 the committee requested regular updates as to the number of responses received. As at the date of writing this report 53 out of 72 councils had responded. Those who have not responded are;

Abernant, Ammanford Town, Bronwydd, Cynwyl Elfed, Dyffryn Cennen, Eglwys Gymyn, Laugharne Township, Llanarthne, Llanfihangel Rhos Y Corn, Llangathen, Llanllwni, Llanpumpsaint, Llansadwrn, Llansteffan & Llanybri, Llanwrda, Meidrim, Pencarreg, Pendine, Pontyberem, and St.Ishmael.

Of these, St Ishmael, Meidrim, Llanwrda, Llansteffan & Llanybri, Llansadwrn, Llanpumpsaint, Llanfihangel-Rhos-Y-Corn and Llanarthne have not provided a response for the last 2 years and Eglwys Gymyn, Bronwydd and Abernant have not provided a response for the last 3 years.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

## 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 <b>NONE</b>	Legal <b>NONE</b>	Finance <b>NONE</b>	ICT <b>NONE</b>	Risk Management Issues <b>NONE</b>	Staffing Implications <b>NONE</b>	Physical Assets <b>NONE</b>
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## 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-172	Legal Services, County Hall