

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
25/03/2021

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING
FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To agree the arrangements for code of conduct training for 2021/2022

Reasons:

Annual code of conduct training sessions have been held for several years but those intended for 2020 were cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA

Exec. Board Decision Required NA

Council Decision Required NA

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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The making of arrangements for the delivery of code of conduct training to town and community councillors within the county is a task that falls within the remit of the Standards Committee.

This requirement has in recent years been fulfilled by the holding of annual sessions in County Hall, usually spread over 2 evenings in June or July.

In 2020 however, due to the Coronavirus pandemic these sessions were cancelled, and training notes circulated to all town and community councils instead.

Several enquiries have been received from town and community councils about when further training sessions will be held.

However, at the time of writing this report the holding of physical training sessions is still not possible due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the attendant legal and practical restrictions on public gatherings. It is difficult to say at this stage when such restrictions will be lifted or when it would become appropriate to hold a physical training session.

The last 12 months has witnessed a significant shift towards remote attendance at meetings and training events using online platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams. This includes by town and community councils. The Committee may therefore wish to consider the option of hosting a remote training session using one of those platforms. Realistically the only alternatives to such a course of action would be to defer the sessions for another year or simply provide copies of training notes as happened in 2020.

The Committee may wish to consider writing to town and community councils to gather their views

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: *LRJones*

Administration and 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: *LRJones*

Head of Administration and Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** – not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** - not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** - it is suggested that such consultation take place
4. **Relevant Partners** - not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - not applicable

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

NO

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal Services file	DPSC-185	County Hall, Carmarthen