

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**13/12/2021**

## CODE OF CONDUCT DATA

### Recommendations / key decisions required:

To note the available data

Reasons:

## Monitoring code of conduct compliance by Town and Community Councils is part of the role of the Committee

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted	NA
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Cabinet Decision Required	NA
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Council Decision Required	NA
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
13/12/2021**

**CODE OF CONDUCT DATA  
FROM TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

In accordance with previously established practice, letters were sent to all Town and Community Councils in the County in April 2021 seeking information regarding code of conduct compliance over the preceding 12 months. Further letters were sent in July and November to those Councils who had not responded.

As at the date of writing this report responses had been received from X of 72 councils. The data provided has been combined with other information held by the County Council to populate the attached spreadsheet. This also contains comparable data for previous years to help identify any trends.

Overall, the following conclusions can be drawn.

- There is still no obvious correlation between code training and the number of complaints
- The number of complaints, although higher this year, is still low overall bearing in mind the large numbers of councillors involved
- Problems in a single council can disproportionately affect the overall number of complaints during the year
- There are wide variations in the numbers of declarations of interest being made between councils.
  
- *Committee members should note that owing to the disruption caused by the Coronavirus pandemic no request for data was sent to councils last year in respect of the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Data shown for that period therefore is limited to that held by the County Council.*

**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: *LRJones*

Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 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-192	County Hall, Carmarthen