

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
9TH JUNE 2023

THE JO COX COMMISSION ON CIVILITY

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

To consider the report and provide any observations.

REASONS:

To canvass member opinion on the work of the commission and provide any observations.

Cabinet Decision Required **NO**

Council Decision Required **NO**

Relevant portfolio holder:- N/A

Directorate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

THE JO COX COMMISSION ON CIVILITY

The [Jo Cox Civility Commission](#) was launched on the 28th February 2023 and seeks to drive change in British democracy by working to find implementable solutions to make life safer for political representatives and candidates for office.

In the last seven years, two MPs have been murdered in their constituency and many more elected politicians have faced physical assaults and threats. The Commission has been established by The Jo Cox Foundation to raise awareness of the detrimental impact on individuals, democracy and society, of the current levels of abuse and intimidation in political life.

The report provides a summary of the Commission's progress and on how Councillors can engage with the Commission on its work.

The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) is submitting a response and the Authority can input or alternatively contact the commission directly.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES – Commission's progress report

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 & Law

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

Legal

CONSULTATIONS

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

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Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination	N/A
If yes include the following information: -	
Scrutiny Committee	
Date the report was considered:-	
Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-	

- 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
Jo Cox Commission		https://www.jocoxfoundation.org/commission_launch