STANDARDS COMMITTEE 11TH SEPTEMBER 2015

REVISED OMBUDSMANS GUIDANCE							
Recommendations / key decisions required:							
To consider the report							
Deserve							
Reasons: The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee							
Scrutiny Committee recommend	ations / comments:						
Not applicable							
Exec Board Decision Required NO							
Council Decision Required NO							
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)							
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY STANDARDS COMMITTEE 11TH SEPTEMBER 2015

REVISED OMBUDSMANS GUIDANCE

The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales has issued revised Guidance in relation to the Code of Conduct for Members of local authorities in Wales.

A copy of the revised guidance is attached to this report.

The main areas of change from previous versions of the Guidance are;

- 1. An explanation of the 2 stage test employed by the Ombudsman when determining whether or not to investigate.
- 2. Further guidance on the use of social media and political expression
- 3. Further guidance on declarations of interests

As the guidance was published in April 2015 it was taken in to account when preparing and presenting the Code of Conduct training in June of this year.

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: L	inda Rees Jor	ies	Head of Ad	dministration 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

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I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below						
Signed:	Linda Rees Jone	S	Head of Administration and Law			
1. Sc	 (Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings) 1. Scrutiny Committee Not applicable 					
	cal Member(s) ot applicable					
	3. Community / Town Council Not applicable					
	4. Relevant Partners Not applicable					
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations Not applicable						
Section '	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 Do	cument	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection			
Legal file		DPSC-136	Legal Services, County Hall			
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