

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

## CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2023

**Purpose:** To note the training provided and identify any actions arising

**To consider and comment on the following issues:**

What further actions (if any) need to be taken

**Reasons:**

The provision of Code of Conduct training to Town and Community councillors is one of the functions of the Committee

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:** Not Applicable

**Directorate**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2023**

In line with the decision of the committee at its meeting in March 2023 two code of conduct training sessions were arranged for Town and Community Councillors on

12/06/2023 – 2pm

24/07/2023 – 6pm

It had been intended that both sessions be hybrid in nature, but due to building works in County Hall the July event ultimately had to be held online only. Only a very small number of persons had originally arranged to attend the July session in person and these subsequently attended online instead.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 only 5 people attended in person at County Hall and 44 remotely. The online July session was attended by 39 persons.

A copy of the training materials and a link to a recording of the July session were sent to all Councils on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Overall, the number of attendees is slightly lower than previous years, although a number of Councils indicated that they had already arranged separate code training for their members with One Voice Wales and other providers.

This years' experience again calls into question the cost/benefit of holding the sessions in-person in County Hall, particularly given the significant burden that holding hybrid events place on Democratic Services staff.

Correctly identifying individuals who attend sessions remotely can be a challenge and consideration may need to be given to taking a formal roll-call at next year's events.

**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	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** - not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** - not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - not applicable

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER AWARE/CONSULTED**

N/A

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

There are none.