

Report To: Standards Committee

Date of Meeting: 10th July 2018

Lead Member / Officer: Ian Trigger, Chair of Standards Committee

Report Author: Lisa Jones – Deputy Monitoring Officer

Title: Chair's Annual Report for 2017

1. What is the report about?

This report to Standards Committee is to enable the full Committee to have sight and contribute to the Chair's Annual Report, in advance of the item being presented to the full council. The draft report is attached as Appendix 1.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

It was agreed by Members of this Committee that an Annual Report should be presented on the work of the committee each year and its findings and observations, to all Council Members as part of the Committee's drive to increase standards of ethical behaviour and compliance with the Members Code of Conduct.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Members:

- (a) Note the contents of the report.
- (b) Provide the Monitoring Officer with comments on its content in order to ensure that it accurately reflects the views of this Committee.
- (c) Recommend its presentation by the Chair to the Full Council

4. Report details

The Report is attached as Appendix 1 for consideration.

Rather than delivering a draft complete report to the Committee as has been the approach in previous years, the Committee are asked to advise the Monitoring Officer of the areas of note or priority that the Chair should be highlighting to the full Council. The attached draft follows the same format as previously presented, however in the event the Committee feels that it should be varied in any way, then the Monitoring Officer would be pleased to hear member's views.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

A fully functioning and representative Standards Committee which upholds the high standards expected of members helps underpin the Council's exercise of its democratic functions.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There are no implications for other services as a result of this report. .

7. What consultations have been carried out?

No consultations have been carried out save for this report to the Standards Committee, as a consultee, to obtain feedback on its appropriateness, content and recommendations.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

Not required.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

There are no identified risks.

10. Power to make the Decision

The Local Government Act 2000; the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 and the Standards Committee (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.