

<b>Report to</b>	Standards Committee
<b>Date of meeting</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022
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<b>Title</b>	Training on Ethics and Standards

## **1. What is the report about?**

1.1. The materials being used in the training of elected members on ethics and standards.

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1. To inform the Committee of the materials being used in the training of elected members of relevant authorities following the local government elections in May 2022.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

3.1. That the Committee considers the materials being used in the training of elected members on ethics and standards.

## **4. Report details**

4.1. One of the functions of this Committee is to oversee the arrangements for the training of elected members on the provisions of the Code of Conduct. The Committee received a report in March of this year on the general approach to this training but at that time the materials to be used were not yet available.

4.2. The WLGA have produced a common set of training materials for use in the provision of training in respect of the Code of Conduct. These materials are attached as Appendices 1 and 2

Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg. This document is available in Welsh.

- 4.3. In addition, the Monitoring Officer has produced locally a presentation for County Councillors on the Council's Protocol on Member Officer Relations, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 3
- 4.4. There were three separate training sessions conducted in the first week after the local government elections for members of the County Council as well as three separate sessions on the Protocol on Member Officer Relations. Not all councillors have attended these sessions and there will be further sessions arranged in September. The Monitoring officer has also committed to attending meetings of the political groups to answer any queries that they may have on the application of the Code of Conduct.
- 4.5. The Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer have also conducted two sessions in July for City, Town and Community Councillors, with further sessions to be held in September. There will also be a separate session for Clerks.

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

- 5.1. The report has no direct impact upon the Corporate Priorities, however, high standards of conduct are a key component of effective local government.

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

- 6.1. There are no significant costs associated with the provision of this training and any costs will be met from existing budgets.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1. No assessment is required for this report.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

- 8.1. There have been no consultations in respect of this report.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. As stated in 6.1, there will not be no substantial change to the net cost requirement for this service and will be met from existing budget allocations. There are therefore no direct financial implications.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1. There are no risks associated with this report. The provision of training will assist members to follow the provisions of the Code of Conduct and help mitigate the risk of poor conduct.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. s54 Local Government Act 2000