

<b>Report to</b>	Standards Committee
<b>Date of meeting</b>	6th April 2023
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	Gary Williams, Corporate Director, Governance and Business/ Monitoring Officer
<b>Report author</b>	Lisa Jones, Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services
<b>Title</b>	Standards Committee Annual Report

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

This report to Standards Committee is to enable the full Committee to have sight and contribute to the Standards Committee 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:

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

#### **4. Report details**

The draft report is attached as Appendix 1 for consideration.

#### **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 additional costs associated with this report and there are no implications for other services as a result of this report.

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

A Well Being Impact Assessment is not required.

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

No other consultations are considered required; this report is the consultation with Standards Committee that they are content the report reflects the Committee and Chair's perspective in respect of adherence to the Members' Code of Conduct in the County and observations in respect of probity and ethics generally.

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

Not required.

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

There are no identified risks.

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

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