

<b>Report to</b>	Standards Committee
<b>Date of meeting</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	Gary Williams – Corporate Director – Governance & Audit
<b>Head of Service</b>	Lisa Jones – Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services
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<b>Title</b>	Welsh Government Consultation on the Penn Review.

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

To provide Members with the Consultation document released on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in respect of the Penn Review and to enable the Committee to contribute thereto.

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

2.1. To seek the views of the Standards' Committee on the Welsh Government response and to consider the questions the consultation raises, in advance of collating the views of the wider Council membership and key officers involved in the Ethical Framework.

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

3.1 That Members give consideration to the questions raised by the Consultation paper and provide the Monitoring Officer with a view from the Committee's perspective.

3.2 A Well-being Impact Assessment is not required as part of this consideration.

## **4. Report details**

4.1 The Committee has been kept updated in respect of the review of the Ethical Framework in Wales – the 'Penn Review' - which commenced in 2021, such framework

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having remained largely unchanged for twenty years. Members will recall from previous reports that the initial phase on the review found that the framework was fit for purpose but that some areas may benefit from future amendments.

4.2 Members attention is drawn to the Consultation Paper attached as Appendix 1 and to give consideration to the 21 Questions raised.

4.3 A presentation on the paper will be presented to Standards' Committee Members at this meeting to facilitate the debate which will helpfully inform and contribute to the response the Council wishes to make.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

The Ethical Framework contributes to the theme of a well run high performing Council.

It is likely that the decision or contribution will have a neutral impact of the Council becoming net carbon zero and ecologically positive by 2030 however further information will become available following the consultation to inform this assessment.

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

There are no additional costs as a result of this report.

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

For the purposes of this contribution to the Consultation no wellbeing impact assessment is required.

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

No consultations have been carried out on this Consultation Paper but consultation will take place following Standards Committee meeting and providing their views.

## **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 in contributing to the consultation.

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

Local Government Act 2000 and the Ethical Framework established thereunder.

Section 8.6.9 the Council's Constitution.