

Report to	Standards Committee
Date of meeting	16 th June 2023
Lead Member / Officer	Gary Williams, Monitoring Officer
Report author	Lisa Jones, Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services.
Title	Member Code of Conduct – overview of training delivered.

1. What is the report about?

The Standards Committee has oversight of the ethical regime within the County and training is an area that the Committee are keen to ensure is taken up by elected and co-opted members.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To provide Members with an overview of the training delivered by the Monitoring Officer since May 2022.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That the Committee notes the content of this report.

4. Report details

- 4.1. Appendix 1 sets out the dates, venue and levels of attendance at the training provided by the Monitoring Officer and his office.
- 4.2. In relation to County Councillor attendance, as reported at the last Standards Committee the Council had 100 per cent attendance. There is however one new Councillor who we need to offer training, who was elected as a result of a bi-election.

- 4.3. The Committee will note that despite offering a number of online opportunities and a mix of in person venues North, Mid and South of the County, during day and evening times, the actual take up from Town and Community Councils could be significantly better.
- 4.4. Capacity to deliver training on this scale on a continuous basis over and above what has already been provided is difficult to sustain and the Monitoring Officer and Deputy are keen to discuss with the Committee other options such as providing a recorded event to all Clerks to disseminate with some FAQs for example.
- 4.5. The Committee may wish to refer the suggestion to the National Standards Forum and to consider whether this could be a national initiative for example.

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

The report has no direct impact on corporate priorities.

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

There are no costs associated with this report.

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

An assessment is not required for this report.

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

There have been no consultations in respect of this report.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

As stated in 6.1, there is no direct financial impact to this report.

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

There are no risks associated with this report.

11. Power to make the decision

No decision is required.