

Report to	Standards Committee
Date of meeting	16 th June 2023
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Title	Penn Review Consultation

1. What is the report about?

The report relates to the Welsh Government's review of the Ethical Framework in Wales.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To inform the Standards' Committee of the Council's response to the consultation.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1 That members agree that the response be submitted.

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 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. Standards Committee received a presentation at it's last meeting in order to provide their views on the consultation questions. Group Leaders are being consulted in between the writing of this report and this Committee meeting due to the shortness of time provided to respond. Group Leaders views will be shared with the Committee at the meeting.

4.3 The response is provided at Appendix 1.

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

There is no direct impact on corporate priorities.

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

There are no additional costs.

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?

Standards Committee and Group Leaders have been consulted prior to submission of the response.

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

Local Government Act 2000.