

Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct					
Report by:	Councillor Delyth Jones				
Political Group:	Plaid Cymru				
No. of members:	8	No. trained on Code:			100 %
For the period:	31 st March 2023 – 1 April 2024				
Number, Source and Level of Complaints					
	Informal	Local Resolution (Stage)			PSOW
		1	2	3	
Public	0				
Officers	0				
Councillors	0				
Steps taken to Promote Compliance (To Be Completed by Group Leader)					
Include matters such as:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demonstrating personal commitment to and attending relevant development or training around equalities and standards; - encouraging group members to attend relevant development or training around equalities and standards; - ensuring nominees to a Committee have received the recommended training for that Committee: 					

As group leader I am committed to fully comply with all relevant training events to support high levels of standard of personal conduct including equalities, code of conduct and other standards issues.

Group leader and Plaid Cymru group members have and will complete all mandatory training in connection with their statutory role relating to planning and licensing committees in a full and timely manner.

As group leader I am committed to ensure all group members are supported to be able to complete relevant, necessary training events associated with their roles, including mandatory training at the point of appointment to such committees. Plaid Cymru members have committed to attend optional Equalities and Diversity training arranged by Cllr Julie Matthews and this demonstrates their commitment to ensuring updated knowledge in this area.

Group correspondence has highlighted and drawn members attention to relevant equalities and standards training to be provided by the Authority or relevant outside bodies in order to draw attention and encourage all members to participate fully with such training. Group leader to liaise with relevant DCC officers should the timing of such training sessions prove to be challenging for members in order to encourage full compliance.

100 pc attendance by the party on Code of Conduct training for this term as delivered by the Monitoring Officer.

Plaid Cymru Group meetings agenda to include an item relating to required code of conduct on a quarterly basis. Agenda item designed to provide an opportunity to discuss expected standards of conduct including identifying relevant training requirements and to set the tone of expectation. Group leader to liaise with DCC officers should requests be made.

- promoting civility and respect within group communications and meetings and in formal Council meetings:
- promoting informal resolution procedures in the Council, and working with the Standards Committee and monitoring officers to achieve local resolution;
- promoting a culture within the group which supports high standards of conduct and integrity;
- attend a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee if requested to discuss Code of Conduct issues;

No complaints have been received regarding Plaid Cymru members which supports the groups values and culture in promoting civility and respect in all its dealings.

The group leader will conduct all Plaid Cymru group and individual member meetings in such a way as to foster good relationships where informal resolution pathways may be actively pursued should the need arise.

The group leader commits to attending any such meetings as requested by the Standards committee in order to discuss Code of conduct issues.

All Plaid Cymru group members are fully aware of and to my knowledge have followed the requirements to declare personal and prejudicial interests during their dealings with DCC business.

- work to implement any recommendations from the Standards Committee about improving standards;
- work together with other group leaders, within reason to collectively support high standards of conduct within the Council.

The Group leader will foster good open relations with the Monitoring Officer in order to anticipate any member- member relations that may need input and to address any issues at an early stage.

The Group leader will raise with the MO and will engage with relevant areas of training that could be of use in meeting the duty. Eg understanding the Councils Local Resolution Procedure for Member- Member complaints or issues.

Group Leaders have collectively met with the Chair of the Standards Committee – it is recognized that there is a need to maintain an arms length relationship and to work with the Committee on suggested approaches.

Plaid Cymru group leader has attended a meeting with the chair of the Standards Committee in order to discuss requirements and has cascaded to the group suggestions for improving / maintaining good standards.

Plaid Cymru group leader has worked to foster a professional relationship with all other group leaders in order to set an example to other group members and within reason to collectively support high standards of conduct within the council.