



## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 23RD FEBRUARY 2017**

**SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING**

**REPORT BY: INTERIM HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To ask the Standards Committee to endorse the revised Code of Conduct training for members which, is set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 To endorse the revised Code of Conduct training attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

### **3. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- 3.1 The requirement to adopt a Code of Conduct for Members is set out in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016. The Code of Conduct contributes to the Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 as it sets out the constraints and standards within which members are expected to act in order to maintain effective governance arrangements and to ensure that members of the public can be confident that the way in which the Council conducts its business has regard to both present and future generations.

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales.

### **4. THE REPORT**

- 4.1 The Code of Conduct training materials attached have been prepared in conjunction with Monitoring Officers across Wales and the Welsh Local Government Association, which have been tailored suit our training delivery. The training will be delivered by the Monitoring Officer. The slides are to be used in conjunction with the video of the Ombudsman's contribution which has been supplied on a memory stick and will be played to members of the committee as part of this report.

- 4.2 The Monitoring Officer will provide an overview of the slides at the meeting, with a recommendation that the training is endorsed.

## **5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

- 5.1 This report contributes to the Well-being Goals as set out in Links to Strategy above. It is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act in that the Code of Conduct sets out the framework within which its members act and conduct the business of the Council, which considers the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications arising as a result of this report.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

## **8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The Code of Conduct training will be delivered to all members following the election in May 2017 but will be delivered by existing officers.

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

- 9.1 The report reflects the views of the consultees.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 The Standards Committee is asked to note and endorse the revised Code of Conduct training for members as attached to this report.

## **11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 To provide appropriate training to members as required under the Code of Conduct.

## **12. STATUTORY POWER**

- 12.1 Local Government Act 2000.  
The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 (No 2016/84).

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Appendices:  
Appendix 1 Code of Conduct Training Slides