



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018

**SUBJECT: ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES – SANCTION GUIDANCE**

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

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To ask members of the Standards Committee to consider and note the Sanctions Guidance recently improved and modernised by the Adjudication Panel for Wales which is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 To provide members with updated Sanctions Guidance issued by the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

### 3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Compliance with the Code of Conduct by members ensures the Council maintains a high standard of behaviour and conduct and thereby encouraging and promoting democracy throughout society thereby contributing to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015:

- *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 Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW) has recently undertaken an exercise to improve and modernise its Sanction Guidance following consultation with Monitoring Officers, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales and the Welsh Government. The updated copy of the Sanctions Guidance is attached for members' information at Appendix 1 to this report. The Sanctions Guidance will come into force for cases heard by the APW after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.
- 4.2 The APW views the new Sanctions Guidance as a living document, and would therefore welcome any comment or feedback following its use by the Standards Committee, so that they may consider and make improvements to the guidance.

### 5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 This report contributes to the Well-being Goals as set out in Links to Strategy above in that it promotes high standards and thereby encourages participation and more likely to encourage

members to have a vested interest in the aims of the Well-being Act.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no equalities implications the report is for information only

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no financial implications the report is for information only

## **8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no personnel implications the report is for information only

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

9.1 As the aim of the report is to present updated guidance from the APW, no formal consultation has been undertaken

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 Members are asked to note the updated Sanctions Guidance issued by the Adjudication Panel for Wales attached at Appendix 1

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

11.1 To ensure the Standards Committee are familiar with the sanction guidance in order to fulfil its duties under its terms of reference when considering recommendation from the Adjudication Panel or case tribunals in accordance with its terms of reference.

## **12. STATUTORY POWER**

12.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Copy of Sanctions Guidance together with covering letter