

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>27, NOVEMBER, 2012.</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2013</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE CONFERENCE.</b>
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1. A decision was made in the Forum of Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of North Wales Standards Committees to take the responsibility for organising the 2013 Standards Conference. The matter has also been discussed amongst the authorities' monitoring officers with an agreement that we will take responsibility jointly for the arrangements.
2. Gwynedd Standards Committee discussed the principle of arranging the conference in the North at its meeting in January 2012 giving general support to the idea. With the intention to hold the conference next April, there is only about five months left to organise it.
3. The monitoring officers have agreed a draft programme which is attached to this report. It must be emphasised that it is only in draft stage at present and that no final arrangements have been made. Despite this, it gives an outline of what is under discussion and what is intended to be held.
4. The committee is asked for their opinion on the draft programme and for any suggestions or other observations that will be of benefit to hold a successful event.

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**Standards Conference 2013**

Date: Friday, 19 April 2013

Time: 10.00 – 4.00

Location: Venue, Llandudno

Strapline: Balancing Rights and Responsibilities

Cost: c. £75 - £80?

Programme: An address by the Ombudsman, an interactive plenary session, two workshops (no panel discussion)

Tentative timings:	10.00 – 10.30	Registration
	10.30 – 10.45	Welcome and introduction
	10.45 – 11.30	Keynote address
	11.30 – 11.45	Tea / Coffee
	11.45 – 12.45	Workshop 1
	12.45 – 13.45	Lunch
	13.45 - 14.30	Plenary session
	14.30 – 14.45	Tea / Coffee
	14.45 – 15.45	Workshop 2
	15.45 – 16.00	Closing remarks

Possible topics for the workshops:

- How to promote standards proactively
- Local dispute resolution procedures
- Town and community council relationship
- Mediation
- Conducting hearings and sanctions
- Dispensations
- Register of interests
- Single purpose authorities?

One of the topics (e.g. the proactive work of standards committees, or local dispute resolution procedures), could be the topic for the plenary session, perhaps with 3 committees giving their experiences.

Others who could contribute (perhaps by leading a workshop?):

- President of the Adjudication Panel
- One Voice Wales
- W.L.G.A.