

SELF ASSESSMENT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 07/04/14

FUNCTION	ASSESSMENT (1/2/3)	Evidence	Further Action
Promote and maintain a high standard of conduct amongst members		<p>The Chair and Vice Chair have attended the North Wales Standards Forum to share experiences with other standards committees.</p> <p>Some members have attended committees, Full Council and Cabinet meetings as observers.</p> <p>Members of the Committee have attended training on web casting of meetings.</p>	<p>Establish a programme to visit committee and full Council meetings.</p> <p>Invite Council members to meetings of the Standards Committee.</p>
Assist the members to keep to the Code of Conduct		<p>Adopting and reviewing the local resolutions procedure in relation to complaints that are not the subject of Ombudsman investigations</p> <p>Adopting a Social Media Protocol</p> <p>Reviewing the Member / Officer Relations Protocol.</p>	
Advise the Council regarding adopting or amending the Code of Conduct		<p>The Council was given advice on adopting the Code in 2008</p> <p>Comments were made to the appropriate Minister on the review of the Code of Conduct.</p>	
Monitor the operation of the Code of Conduct		<p>Receive regular reports on allegations against members</p>	<p>Incorporate the Committees observations on</p>

		<p>Receive the annual reports of the Adjudication Panel for Wales and the Ombudsman</p> <p>Receive annual reports in relation to the interests register and the declarations made.#</p> <p>Receive annual reports on the register of interests and hospitality.</p>	<p>these reports in the Committee's annual report.</p>
<p>Advise, train or arrange training for members on matters relating to the Code of Conduct</p>		<p>Members have attended the Wales Standards Conference.</p> <p>Training was provided for members of the Council in May 2012 and July 2013.</p> <p>Training on the Code of Conduct and related Protocols is provided as part of the induction process for new members.</p> <p>Occasional training sessions are provided to the committee members. The last training was in relation to web casting in 2014.</p>	
<p>Grant dispensations to members</p>		<p>A " policy" has been adopted in relation to permitting dispensations.</p> <p>A procedure for making applications for dispensations has been adopted.</p>	
<p>Deal with reports of tribunals and any reports from the Monitoring Officer on matters referred by the Ombudsman</p>		<p>A procedure for hearings has been adopted and reviewed.</p> <p>4 hearings have been held since 2012</p>	

<p>Authorise the Monitoring Officer to pay allowances to persons assisting with an investigation</p>		<p>No occasion to pay such an allowance has arisen.</p>	
<p>Exercise the above functions in relation to community councils</p>		<p>A training session for community council clerks was held in October 2013.</p> <p>A questionnaire was sent out auditing community council registers of gifts and hospitality.</p> <p>The Committees annual report is sent to all community councils</p> <p>The opinion of community councils has been sought on training based on the Code and good governance</p>	<p>Proceed with training programme.</p>