

Committee :	Standards Committee
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Title :	Training for Community Councils
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Purpose :	Presented for information

Background

1. Training or organising to train community councillors on matters relating to the Code of Conduct is one of the Standards Committee's statutory functions. The Committee has identified the need to provide such training but has accepted that its delivery has been challenging recently due to the lack of resources.
2. We already have a training session for community councils that has already been piloted. The aims of the session are to enable members and clerks to gain an understanding of the basics of the Code of Conduct, to equip members to operate within the framework and highlight where further guidance and information can be obtained. It will include a presentation with slides and an opportunity for questions and a discussion afterwards.
3. The sessions will be held virtually via Zoom and two dates have been arranged so far namely on 18/03/25 and 27/03/25 at 18:30. The presentation will be in Welsh but simultaneous translation into English will be provided for the presentation and the discussion.
4. There are practical restrictions on how many people may attend, particularly in terms of allowing an opportunity for questions and discussion. It is also difficult to predict how many will be interested in attending, as this is the first time we have scheduled sessions like this. For the first two sessions therefore, the invitation has been sent to the community council clerks in the Arfon area. There will be an opportunity to adapt the arrangements in light of our experience of these first two if necessary.
5. As well as arranging more sessions, we will also be recording a presentation and placing it on Cyngor Gwynedd's website. It would therefore be available at any time and would be useful for new members following their election or for those unable to attend the live sessions.

Recommendation

6. The Committee is requested to note the information.