

## **Political Group Leaders Duties**

### **Criteria For Monitoring And Reporting**

Section 52 of the Local Government 2000 Act as amended by section 62 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales ) Act 2021, requires that a leader of a political consisting of members of a County Council or County Borough Council in Wales –

1. must take reasonable steps to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the members of the group, and
2. must cooperate with the council's standards committee (and any subcommittee of the committee) in the exercise of the standards committee's functions.

The Statutory and Non- Statutory Guidance includes at Part 2 the requirements to establish - “the threshold which the Standards Committee will use to establish whether it is content that Political Group Leaders have complied with the duties of the 2021 Act” .

1. Group Leaders to make themselves available to meet with the Monitoring Officer, Chair of the Standards Committee and Standards Committee as required,
2. Group Leaders to take steps to support the Monitoring Officer to arrange that Members within their group make themselves available to meet with the Monitoring Officer as required,
3. Group Leaders to take steps with the aim that Members within their group cooperate with the Monitoring Officer and the Standards Committee when an issue is referred to the Monitoring Officer and or the Standards Committee,
4. Group Leaders to record any areas of concern in their Groups and raise them with the Monitoring Officer in a timely manner.
5. Group leaders to support Member attendance at mandatory training events,
6. Group Leaders to complete the Group Leader proforma, promoting compliance with the Code of Conduct, as required,
7. Group Leaders to meet with the Standards Committee on an annual basis (at the first meeting of the Standards Committee) following the Annual Meeting,
8. . Group Leaders to meet with the Monitoring Officer on a three-monthly basis and Chair of Standards Committee once during the Council year.