

Committee	Standards Committee
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Title	Training Sessions 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 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 includes a presentation with slides and an opportunity for questions and a discussion afterwards.

The Training Sessions

3. Virtual sessions were held on 17/03/25 and 28/03/25 at 18:30. The presentation was in Welsh but simultaneous translation into English was provided for both the presentation and subsequent questions and discussion.

4. Because of the practical restrictions on the number attending, particularly in terms of allowing an opportunity for questions and discussion, and the difficulty in predicting how many would be interested, only the community councils in the Arfon area were invited this time. The invitation was extended to both councillors and clerks.

5. Over the two sessions, a total of 44 individuals attended, representing 9 of the 17 community councils in Arfon.

6. An outline of the content is attached for information.

7. Further sessions will be arranged this year, and we will also be recording a presentation and placing it on Cyngor Gwynedd's website, so that it can be available to view at any time.

Recommendation

8. The Committee is requested to note the information.