

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009**

**URGENT REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL &  
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER**

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**MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT DRAFT GUIDANCE FROM  
PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES**

**Purpose of Report**

To advise Members of Standards Committee of the issue of draft guidance on the Members' Code of Conduct by the Ombudsman and to consider how a response is to be compiled.

**Introduction**

The Standards Committee is requested to consider this matter as one of urgency due to the return date for a response.

The Ombudsman has issued draft guidance on the Members' Code of Conduct. A copy of the draft is attached and a Welsh language copy of the document is available on request. A response is required by 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**Recommendation**

1. That members of the Standards Committee consider the draft and the Monitoring Officer prepares a set of comments.
2. That the Monitoring Officer liaise with the Chair about consideration of the matter.

**Reason for Proposed Decision**

To facilitate consideration of the draft guidance.

**List of Background Papers**

Draft Code of Conduct Guidance.

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**Wards Affected**

All