

## Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct

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| Report by:       | Councillor Rob Jones (Leader of Welsh Labour Group)       |                      |           |
| Political Group: | Welsh Labour  |                      |           |
| No. of members:  | 26  | No. trained on Code: | 26 (100%) |
| For the period:  | 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 |                      |           |

### Number, Source and Level of Complaints

|             | Informal  | Local Resolution (Stage) |   |   | PSOW                  |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
|             |   | 1                        | 2 | 3 |                       |
| Public      | 3   | -                        | - | - | 5 (No further action) |
| Officers    | 2 (Members spoken to and no further action taken) | -                        | - | - | -                     |
| Councillors | -   | -                        | - | - | -                     |

### Steps taken to Promote Compliance (To Be Completed by Group Leader)

- I engage with the monitoring officer on a regular basis and have attended all the relevant training surrounding the Members Code of Conduct.
- I regularly raise Standards and code of conduct issues with members of my own group, reminding them of their duty to comply with the code.
- I meet with my group councillors on an individual basis to discuss conduct matters, I require from them early notification of potential issues and to link with the monitoring officer for appropriate advice and courses of action should the need arise such as self-referral to the ombudsman.
- I remind my members of my group that they can not disassociate themselves from their role as a Councillor to become a private citizen when it suits them, they while in office will always be a Councillor and actions they perform must always be seen in that light.
- I remind members of the need to respect their working relationship with officers and the separate boundaries that are required between both roles.
- I have attended the Standards committee to express my views on promoting its role within the council and many of my ideas have been adopted.
- I emphasize the need for all members to comply with the code to ensure that trust is maintained by the public in elected members.

- I am aware of the lack of use of local resolution, and suggest its use to members where appropriate.
- I remind my group occasionally that in order to comply with the code the Severn principles of public life (The Nolan principles) should be looks at and act as a guide to them