

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

10 MARCH 2017

Report of the Head of Legal Services – David Michael

Matter for Monitoring

Wards Affected:

All

Member Induction and the Standards Committee

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise Members of arrangements in relation to the induction of new Members following the election in May 2017 and future recruitment of Standards Committee members.

Background

2. The County Borough Council is up for election in May 2017 and arrangements are being put in place for the induction of new Members following that election. Together with the Head of Democratic Services I have placed in the induction programme courses on the Code of Conduct, Committee Procedures and other matters.
3. The Welsh Local Government Association has produced a standard presentation on the Code of Conduct which I would propose to use. I shall also undertake some training for the Standards Committee itself early in the life of the new Authority. I envisage that I will be called upon to make some arrangements for Code of Conduct training for

Town and Community Councils which I will have to programme for the Summer.

4. I will circulate to Members a link to the WLGA training module.
5. I will have to give some thought to the future recruitment of Standards Committee Members in the life of the new Authority and will address this with Members at the meeting.

Financial Impact

6. Any training will be carried out in-house

Equality Impact Assessment

7. This report is not subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impacts

8. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

9. The training is intended to advise Members of the legal effects of the Code of Conduct

Risk Management

10. This is not relevant.

Consultation

11. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

12. This report is for monitoring only

Reason for Proposed Decision

13. This is a matter for monitoring only.

Implementation of Decision

14. Does not apply.

Appendices

15. None

List of Background Papers

16. None

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