

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**1 AUGUST 2017**

### **Report of the Head of Legal Services D Michael**

#### **Matter for Information**

**Wards Affected: All**

## **RECONSTITUTION OF NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise Standards Committee of Standards related work following the election of a new Council in May 2017.

#### **Background**

2. Members of Standards Committee will be aware that one of the major items of work for the monitoring officer is the compilation of the register of members interests which is produced at the commencement of any newly elected Council and is then updated from time to time over the years. Up until this year we had used a bespoke computer system designed for us by a member of the ICT staff. As with many local authorities in Wales, member related systems such as agenda s and reports are run on a system called Modern.gov. This system contains a standard register of member interests and it has been decided to use this system rather than the bespoke programme developed in-house. The register of interests is now complete although it has seemed to be more work to put this together than in previous years. Perhaps this is associated with the turn-over in Members at this year's election.

3. I will shortly extend the update of registered interests to co-opted members including independent members of the Standards Committee.
4. Four training sessions were arranged for members on the Members' Code of Conduct. These were provided on different days and different times. There will be a need for further training to address the members who did not attend but I will not be able to address that for the moment. If time permits I intend to do training for Clerks to Community Councils in the Autumn of this year.

### **Appendices**

5. None

### **List of Background Papers**

6. None

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