Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct

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:	1st April 2023 to 31st 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