

Meeting of:	Standards Committee
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 27 January 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	No Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Standards Conference Wales: February 2022
Purpose of Report:	To provide Members with an update in respect of the Standards Conference 9th February, 2022
Report Owner:	Debbie Marles, Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Responsible Officer:	Karen Bowen, Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	The report does not involve consultation with any other parties
Policy Framework:	The report does not affect the Council's policy framework and budget
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To advise Members of the Standards Committee that the Standards Conference will take place on 9th February, 2022 on a virtual platform. 	

Recommendation

1. That the Standards Committee note that the Standards Conference will be held on 9th February, 2022.

Reason for Recommendation

1. To apprise Members of the position with regard to arrangements for the Standards Conference.

1. Background

- 1.1 A Standards Conference is usually held on an annual basis. The Conference is aimed at Councillors, Officers and Independent Members involved in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct within authorities in Wales and provides an opportunity to network and discuss issues of common interest and best practice.
- 1.1 Invitations are usually extended each year for up to four delegates from the Ethics and Standards Committee of each Local Authority in Wales, the Fire Authorities in Wales and the Welsh National Parks to attend.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 Following communication that the Standards Conference was due to be held on 9th February, 2022 all Members of the Standards Committee were circulated with the information attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 Due to the fact that the Conference is being held virtually there is to be no limit on attendance and Members of the Standards Committee have been requested to advise the Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer as to whether they will be able to attend in order for the necessary email contact details to be forwarded to the organiser so that the invitations to the virtual Conference can be sent directly.
- 2.3 For Committee's information, the Monitoring Officer of the Vale of Glamorgan Council will also be attending the Conference.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 The role of the Standards Committee is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors, Co-opted Members and Church and Parent Governor Representatives.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** None as a direct result of this report other than Members are remunerated for attendance at meetings under the Allowance Scheme agreed by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Constitution.

Employment

- 4.2** The Council has a statutory duty to establish and maintain a Standards Committee as defined by legislation as set out in the Standards Committee Rules and Regulations 2001 and the Standards Committee (Wales) Amendment Regulations 2006.

Legal (Including Equalities)

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5. Background Papers

None.

All Wales Standards Conference

9 February 2022

10am – 4pm

Programme

Welcome and Introductions		10.00 – 10.15
Richard Penn	Richard to present his report on the Independent Review of the Ethical Standards Framework in Wales. Suggest that Richard speaks on his report for 45 mins to an hour and we will then take questions for 30 -45 minutes.	10.15 – 11.45
Break		11.45 – 12.00
Welsh Government	Welsh Government to present their response and potential areas for legislation for 30 minutes followed by questions for 30 minutes.	12.00 – 13.00
Lunch		13.00 – 14.00
Panel discussion	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, One Voice Wales and Gwynedd County Council Standards Committee's Chair to speak for up to 15 minutes each with their perspective followed by questions and debate from the floor.	14.00 – 15.50
Closing remarks		15.50 – 16.00

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Rhaglen

Croeso a Chyflwyniadau		10.00 – 10.15
Richard Penn	Richard i gyflwyno ei adroddiad ar yr Adolygiad Annibynnol o'r Fframwaith Safonau Moesegol yng Nghymru . Byddwn yn awgrymu bod Richard yn siarad am ei adroddiad am 45 munud i awr, a byddwn yn cymryd cwestiynau am 30-45 munud.	10.15 – 11.45
Egwyl		11.45 – 12.00
Llywodraeth Cymru	Llywodraeth Cymru i gyflwyno eu hymateb a meysydd posibl ar gyfer deddfwriaeth am 30 munud, a chwestiynau i ddilyn am 30 munud.	12.00 – 13.00
Cinio		13.00 – 14.00
Trafodaeth y Panel	Ombwdsman Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru, Un Llais Cymru a Chadeirydd Pwyllgor Safonau Cyngor Sir Gwynedd i siarad am 15 munud yr un gyda'u safbwynt, gan ddilyn gyda chwestiynau a thrafodaeth o'r llawr.	14.00 – 15.50
Sylwadau i Gloi		15.50 – 16.00