

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**Standards Community Sub- Committee
3rd February, 2010****REPORT BY: Strategic Director – Law and Governance****SUBJECT: Matters appertaining to Standards Issues**

REPORT FOR: Decision, Information and Discussion

A. Members' Code of Conduct**A1 Adoption of the new Model Members' Code of Conduct by Town and Community Councils**

A1.1 Consideration is being given to arrange refresher training for Community Councillors on the Members' Code of Conduct during the summer to coincide with the half way stage in their 4 year term of office. The views of the Committee, in this connection, are sought.

B. Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman**B1. Town and Community Councillor Referrals**

B1.1 Since the last meeting one new referral to the Ombudsman has been notified. The substance of the complaint was that a member of the public who was critical of the actions of a Clerk was an associate of the Councillor complained about. The Ombudsman has decided not to investigate the complaint concluding that the conduct complained of does not, in fact, constitute a breach of the Code which is designed to reflect the actions taken by Elected Members in their own right and not the actions of third party associates.

C. Other Standards Issues**C.1 Supportive Action for Town and Community Councils**

C.1.1 Discussions have taken place with the Chair concerning one Community Council and further details will be provided at the meeting.

C.2 One Voice Wales Presentations to Shire Committees

C.2.1 One Voice Wales made a presentation on their role to the Montgomeryshire Committee meeting at Welshpool on Wednesday, 9th December, 2009. This was well received and similar presentations are scheduled to be made at the Radnorshire Committee meeting in Llandrindod Wells on Wednesday, 17th February, 2010 and at the

Brecknockshire Committee meeting in Brecon on Wednesday, 24th March, 2010.

Members of the main Committee and the Sub-Committee are encouraged to attend these presentations.

D. Dispensations

D1. Applications - Town and Community Councillors

D1.1 There are no applications from Community Councillors.

E. Meeting Dates.

E1. To note dates of future meetings as follows:

2010 meeting dates.

28th April, 2010.

5th July, 2010

29th September, 2010.

1st December, 2010.

All meetings to commence at 10.00 am with the option of training available afterwards.

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