

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**Standards Community Sub- Committee
1st December 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

- A1.1** The Scrutiny Services Manager was invited to a meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks to provide training to Clerks on the Members' Code of Conduct. Nine Clerks attended the training held in Llanidloes on 3rd November 2010.

The Scrutiny Services Manager attended meetings of the One Voice Wales area meetings in October and discussed with the meeting the possibility of joint training between the County Council and One Voice Wales of Clerks and Chairs of Town and Community Councils. The Meetings indicated that this would be welcomed but the cost of training was raised as an issue. Further discussions will be required with Once Voice Wales as to the possibility of taking this forward.

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

- B1.1** One new referral has been advised by the Ombudsman who is deciding whether or not to investigate. Members will be advised on the outcome of this referral in due course.

C. Dispensations**C1. Applications - Town and Community Councillors**

Three applications have been received from Councillors O. M. Lewis, W. P. Lewis and G. Price of Llanbadarn Ffynnydd Community Council. The applicants are seeking dispensation on the grounds that 5 out of 7 Community Councillors have an interest. Two of the applications contain insufficient detail regarding the nature of the interests and have been returned. The Clerk has been asked to resubmit the two incomplete applications and the further two applications which will then be considered together.

D. Standards Conference

A report from Cllr Hodges on the Standards Conference in Cardiff is attached at **Appendix 5** of the Standards Committee Report.

Further to the last Standards Conference, officers have been making enquiries regarding the possibility of Powys hosting the next Standards Conference in 2011. Following these preliminary enquiries it is considered that Powys is in a position to offer to host the 2011 Standards Conference in Llandrindod Wells. This will be raised at the next meeting of ACSeS on 3rd December 2010. The Committee's views are sought.

E. Meeting Dates.

E1. To note dates of future meetings as follows:

2nd February, 2011
27th April, 2011
29th June, 2011
7th September, 2011
30th November, 2011

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

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