

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Standards Committee: 22nd November, 2018

Report of the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Standards Conference Wales: 14th September 2018

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with an update in respect of discussions held at the Standards Conference Wales on 14th September 2018.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Reason for the Recommendation

Having regard to the contents contained therein and the update provided by the Members and Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services who attended the conference.

Background

2. The Standards Committee was advised at its January meeting of the Standards Conference 2018 which was to be held at Aberystwyth University on Friday 14th September, 2018 and provided with further details for the conference at its July meeting.
3. The Conference was aimed at Councillors, Officers and Independent Members involved in promoting high standards of conduct within Authorities in Wales and an opportunity to network.
4. Having been advised of the date of the Conference at the Standards Committee meeting on 25th January, 2018, the Democratic Services Officer subsequently received an Expression of Interest of attending the conference from Mrs. P. Hallett shortly after that meeting.
5. At the July meeting the Standards Committee considered nominations and agreed attendance for the Conference of up to four delegates namely Mrs. P. Hallett, Councillor L. Burnett, the Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer.

Relevant Issues and Options

6. Mrs. Hallett, Councillor Burnett and the Monitoring Officer will provide a verbal update in respect of the topics, discussions and any issues covered at the conference for Members consideration at the Committee meeting.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

7. Costs including Conference costs, accommodation and expenses of approximately £800 to be paid from Service Area budget.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

8. There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

9. There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

10. There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

11. There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

Corporate/Service Objectives

12. None.

Policy Framework and Budget

13. The report does not affect the Council's policy framework and budget.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

14. The report does not involve any consultation with other parties.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

15. None.

Background Papers

None.

Contact Officer

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Officers Consulted

None.

Responsible Officer:

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