

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Monday, 5 February 2018
Report Subject	Training for Town and Community Councillors
Report Author	Chief Officer (Governance)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to advise the Committee of the level of attendance by Town and Community Councillors at training events that have been delivered regarding conduct and good governance of Town and Community Councillors and Councils, following the elections in 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To put the slides produced for the training that was delivered to new and returning Town and Community Councillors, and a link to the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales' (PSOW) video about his role in relation to matters of Councillor conduct, on the Council's website, so that they can be viewed by Town and Community Councillors.
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REPORT DETAILS

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1.01	Four training events, aimed at informing or reminding new and returning Town and Community Councillors about the Members' Code of Conduct and principles of good governance, were organised for Town and Community Councillors on the 25 th and the 30 th May 2017, the 1 st June 2017, and the 14 th of September 2017.
1.02	Attendance lists for the training sessions show the total attendance for all four sessions was 63, with 59 of the attendees being Town or Community Councillors. There are 34 Town and Community Councils and 441 Town and Community Councillors in total within Flintshire. This means the total turnout (assuming that all members attending did sign the attendance sheet) was around 13% of the total number of Town and Community Councillors in Flintshire.

1.03	It may be helpful for Town and Community Councillors to be able to access the training slides used for the training in the event they have been unable to attend the training, or for those Members who wish to refresh themselves on certain matters that were covered in the training sessions. This may assist in more Councillors benefitting from the training.
1.04	The PSOW recorded a video (which is available via YouTube) to inform Town and Community Councillors and County Councillors about his role regarding the conduct of Councillors, and it may also be useful to provide a link to this video on the Council's website so that this can be viewed by Town and Community Councillors.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	N/A

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	N/A

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	N/A

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>The training slides used for Training Town and Community Councillors in 2017.</p> <p>The PSOW's video for new and returning Members.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Georgiou, Deputy Monitoring Officer Telephone: 01352 702330 E-mail: matthew_georgiou@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	PSOW – Public Services Ombudsman for Wales