

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Committee:	Democratic Services Committee
Date of meeting:	25 March 2015
Title:	Members' Annual Reports
Author:	Interim Head of Democratic Services
Purpose of the report:	To inform the Committee of observations made by the Council's Standards Committee with regard to the content of Members' Annual Reports.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 I have previously reported to this Committee on Section 5 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 which places an obligation on the Council to ensure that arrangements are in place for Members to prepare annual reports.
- 1.2 I submitted a progress report to the last meeting of this Committee and requested the Committee's views on the proposed arrangements for the preparation of Members' Annual Reports for 2014/15.

2.0 Observations made by the Council's Standards Committee

- 2.1 A report was submitted to the Standards Committee meeting held on 12 March 2015 on a review of the Council's registers. Specific reference was made to annual reports by members, noting that there are inconsistencies between the information published in the annual reports and in the Council's standing register. The report recommended that a link to individual members' 'declarations' page should be included in the annual reports.
- 2.2 It was noted at the meeting that there was also an opportunity here for members to include information about their attendance at meetings of outside bodies.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the following information should be included in Councillors' Annual Reports:

- a link to individual members' 'declarations' page
- each annual report should list the outside bodies which are relevant to the member in question, together with the number of meetings arranged and number of meetings attended – this information to be provided by individual members.

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