

CYNGOR SIR YNYS MON/ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING:	Standards Committee
DATE:	14 December 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	Reporting on the current position with regard to the online publishing of Statutory Registers.
REPORT BY:	Corporate Web and Information Manager
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To report back to the Committee

1. The achievability of providing online access to The Register of Interests Declared in Meetings and The Register of Gifts and Hospitality, including timescales for implementation.
  - 1.1 The Register of Interests Declared in Meetings - This is dependent on the implementation of the minutes and agendas area of the new Modern.Gov system which is being built and tested by the Web Team and the Committee Services Team. Both the Committee Services Team and the Translation Unit have attended a training session on the use of the new system and are now testing the system supported by the Web Team. The implementation timescale is within the next three months.
  - 1.2. The Register of Gifts and Hospitality can be published via the new Modern.Gov system when it becomes fully operational within the next three months.
2. The achievability of providing a facility for Members to electronically update The Standing Register and The Register of Gifts and Hospitality online.
  - 2.2 Within the next six months it will be possible for Members to be given training on the new Modern.Gov system to enable them to update their information on both registers. The first priority has been identified as providing public access to the Council's minutes, agendas and reports, however if this is seen as a priority it could be implemented at an earlier stage.
3. Background information
  - 3.1 The modern.Gov system is an edemocracy system which will enable the Council to publish online agendas , minutes and reports directly from the committee clerks desks. providing citizen focused government and open decision-making, leading to accountability and inclusiveness.

### 3.2 The system will:

- streamline administrative duties, resulting in reduced delays or duplication of effort which in turn leads to efficiency increases
- manage information by linking forward plans, agenda items, minutes and decisions across meetings and committees, resulting in quick and accurate retrieval of relevant information
- provide a linked bilingual system
- provide a comprehensive meetings calendar – enabling the council to produce paper and web based calendars
- provide an elections results database which can be published on the web
- provide a members database including declarations at meetings, register of interests, contact details and history which can be published on the web. It will also track committee membership and attendance
- provide a wide range of statistical reports
- secure restricted content
- reduce printing costs

### 3.3 The system will also include an **petitioning and econsultation** element which will help address the requirements of the commissioners for open and transparent governance.

This will:

- widen participation
- ensure methods of accountability
- provide methods by which information is readily available and accessible
- be based on residents establishing a minimum number of signatures needed to support a petition, which could then trigger a formal council debate on the issue