

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Committee:	Standards Committee
Date of meeting:	13 March, 2019
Title:	Member Related Issues
Purpose of the Report:	To note progress to date
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1.0 Background

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on various Member related matters.

1.1 Members Annual Report

I reported to the last meeting on arrangements for the preparation of annual reports covering the period 2017 – 2018.

Section 5 of the Local Government Measure (Wales) 2011 places a duty on the County Council to ensure that arrangements are in place to enable Members to publish annual reports on their activities.

With regard to 2017/18 annual reports, 29 members have prepared reports. These can be viewed on the Council's website, see link below:

<http://www.anglesey.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councillors-democracy-and-elections/councillors/councillors-annual-report/>

A separate report will be presented to the Democratic Services Committee later this month on the timetable for 2018/19 reports and template to be completed. The intention will be to publish reports on the Council website by 30 June, 2019. I will be monitoring progress in consultation with Group Leaders.

1.2 Member Development Charter

I also reported to the last meeting on proposals to seeks re-assessment for the WLGA's Wales Charter for Member Support and Development.

Re-submission during quarter 3 as intended has not been possible since one outstanding element namely the updated Member Development strategy needs endorsement by the Democratic Services Committee. This is now scheduled to be considered by the Committee later this month and documentation submitted thereafter to the WLGA by the end of March, 2019. A copy will be sent to the Standards Committee for information

1.3 DBS checks

All Councillors have completed documentation for registration purposes. The Head of Democratic Services will monitor necessary arrangements for review and updating in consultation with the Head of Learning.

1.4 Members Biography on the Council Website including outside bodies

Information is now available on the Council's website on both Committee attendance and training records. Members are being encouraged to update online training records on an ongoing basis following attendance on training events. A separate report to this Committee deals with the Member Development programme including Social Media training and support on Facebook pages.

In relation to outside bodies, there are now links to websites (if information available) on the relevant pages, for the general public. The schedule of outside bodies will need to be reviewed in consultation with Group Leaders and reported to Council in May 2019.

2.0 Recommendation:

To note progress as detailed in this report.

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