

CYNGOR SIR YNYS MON / ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE:	Standards Committee
DATE:	11 March 2020
REPORT TITLE:	Training for members of the Standards Committee
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:	To advise members of the Standards Committee of the proposed training for 2020/2021 and ascertain any further training requirements
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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Elected Members of the Council are offered training to assist with their roles and some training topics are considered mandatory. Co-opted Members are also offered training on various matters; this is based on the training offered to Elected Members, but targeted in accordance with the Committee to which they have been appointed.
- 1.2 With a majority of the Standards Committee Members being newly appointed to the Committee in December 2019 (4 independent members and 1 County Council representative), it is envisaged that training will play a significant part of the Committee’s timetable for 2020/2021.
- 1.3 This report illustrates the training which has been identified as essential / useful for Standards Committee members.

2.0 TRAINING

Training	Narrative	Type of training	Proposed Date
Code of Conduct	All Standards Committee members are bound by the Code of Conduct for Members. The Code stipulates that Members	E-learning module on “Ethics and Standards” Classroom training to be provided in-house by Monitoring Officer	Available on demand April 2020

	must attend at least one training session on the Code of Conduct during each full term of office, such attendance to take place during the six months following election.		
Dispensations	County Councillors and Town and Community Councillors may apply for dispensations A Panel of the Standards Committee members will consider a written application for dispensations at a Hearing.	A general classroom training session on Dispensations (the grounds for granting / the methodology for conducting the hearings etc) to be provided in-house by the Monitoring Officer Specific training on the dispensation application before the Panel will be provided before each dispensation Hearing to be provided in-house by the Monitoring Officer.	Summer 2020 As and when required during 2020/2021
Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) / Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW) – review of cases	At the formal Standards Committee meetings (March and September), an update will be provided on the cases which have been considered by the PSOW and APW.	Reports provided bi-annually and a discussion held at the Meetings.	March 2020 September 2020 March 2021
IOACC Constitution	To provide a general overview of the Council's Constitution so far as it may affect the Standards Committee	A general classroom training session on the Constitution to be provided in-house by the Monitoring Officer.	TBC - 2020
Mediation in the context of the Local Resolution Protocol	Standards Committee members are integral to the Local Resolution process in accordance with the Protocol which has been adopted by the Committee and approved by Group Leaders.	External provider to produce and deliver a bespoke classroom training session to Standards Committee members, based on the process in IOACC's Local Resolution Protocol.	May / June 2020

Standards Committee Hearings	Whilst no Hearings are currently envisaged in the near future, Standards Committee is required to conduct Hearings should the PSOW refer a matter for determination.	External provider to be approached – perhaps this may be done in collaboration with another/other Standards Committees?	To be discussed further – is this considered a requirement for 2020/2021 or the following year?
Equality and Diversity Cyber Security GDPR	General training which has been identified as relevant for Standards Committee Members from the list of training requested of elected Members.	E-learning modules	Available on demand
Safeguarding (Basic) Violence against women; prevent; CSE; Modern Slavery Health and Safety Licensing* / Planning* <i>* if on the Committee</i>	This is the list of training requested of elected Members. It is not considered relevant for Standards Committee members.		To be discussed further – do members agree that these are not relevant to their roles?
Chairing Committees	To be offered to the newly appointed Chair and Vice-Chair, if desired		TBC - 2020

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

For the Standards Committee to determine if the proposed training plan is appropriate / sufficient and identify any further training required.