

CYNGOR SIR YNYS MON / ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
COMMITTEE:	Standards Committee
DATE:	22 January 2026
REPORT TITLE:	Legal Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer update
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:	As above
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report is to provide an update from the Legal Service Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer on a number of matters relevant to the Committee.

2. ACTION

2.1 Standards Committee Annual Report 2024/2025

On 25 September 2025, the Chair of Standards Committee presented the Annual Report to full Council. At the meeting, Council approved

- i. the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2024/2025, and
- ii. the Standards Committee's Work Programme for 2025/2026 (whilst acknowledging that some additional matters may be included, in accordance with demands which may arise).

A copy of the Annual Report has been sent to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

A copy of the report to full Council and the Annual Report for 2024/2025 is available to view at [here](#)

2.2 Code of Conduct Training – update

Following on from the Standards Committee meeting in June this year, all Town and Community Councils were written to on 6 August 2025 asking for details about their Code of Conduct training plans and publishing their plans. To date the Council has received 6 responses from all the Councils written too.

2.3 Letter to PSOW – update

A letter was sent on 16 July from the Chair expressing the committee's concern about the length of time taken to investigate allegations that members of the County Council and community councils in the area have breached their Code of Conduct. We received a letter from the Ombudsman on 29 July 2025, detailing their apologies and setting out their 'recent initiatives taken to try to improve the timeliness of investigations'. These include the following:

- Allocated resources to create an 'Assessment Officer' role in the Code of Conduct Team, for the first time. New complaints are channelled through this role, to enable prompt decisions to be reached on whether a complaint should be investigated. Investigation Officers are then able to focus solely on investigations and hearing commitments, without having to manage these alongside assessments.
- A Case Handling Assistant role has also been created, on a fixed term basis, to help Investigation Officers with vital administrative tasks, such as arranging interviews, issuing correspondence and chasing statements, etc.
- Recruitment of Graduate Investigation Officers and one is on placement in the Code of Conduct Team, at present increasing investigation capacity

3. RECOMMENDATION

To note the report