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## ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

<b>MEETING:</b>	Standards Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2014
<b>TITLE:</b>	Training North Wales Standards Committee Forum
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	Awena Parry Solicitor (Corporate Governance)
<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>	To update the Standards Committee
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### **1. Introduction and Background**

During a recent training session delivered to the All Wales Monitoring Officers, external training was provided on the role of the Monitoring Officer. The Chair and Vice-Chair of this committee thought it would be beneficial for the NWSCF to attend a similar session on the role of Standards' Committees; as part of the ongoing commitment to training and updating.

In a recent meeting of the NWSCF, this proposal was put to them and those present unanimously agreed that this would be beneficial, and it was agreed that we would write to all Standards Committee Members of the North Wales Councils to ask whether they would be in agreement to this and to share the cost involved.

### **2. Responses**

Seven authorities have agreed to share the costs (including the North Wales Fire Authority).

### **3. Date, Content and Venue**

It is intended the training will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 from 10am to 4pm, in the chamber of Anglesey County Council.

#### **4. Content**

Please see enclosure 1 for details of the proposed content which Peter has previously sent me in an email. This focuses on current issues, such as blogging, and the overlap between interests under the Code and bias/predetermination. During the afternoon, a mock hearing will be conducted with the trainer acting as narrator, explaining why things have happened, pointing out good practice, and throwing in extra questions and discussion.

#### **5. Recommendations**

To endorse the proposed content and make any suggestions for additional topics / issues to be covered.

**From:** Peter Keith-Lucas [<mailto:Peter.Keith-Lucas@bevanbrittan.com>]

**Sent:** 24 April 2014 10:04

**To:** Awena Parry

**Subject:** RE: Standards Committee Training

Awena,

Sorry not to have come back to you earlier.

Yes, I would be delighted to assist.

If we were thinking of a full day, 10 to 4, then we could have a couple of talk session in the morning, focusing on what you identify as current issues – perhaps blogging and the overlap between Interests under the Code and Bias and Predetermination? How about Interests in any Re-Organisation? In the afternoon, we could run a mock hearing. We did this at the Wales Standards Conference in 2011 at Llandrindod Wells, and it went down well. We have run it many times in England on a slightly different script – before England scrapped all of this. I attach the scenario and script which I used then, and I could update it. Have a read and tell me if there are any twists that you would like incorporated. Essentially, I volunteer members and officers into the various roles and they play-read the script, and I act as Narrator, explaining why things have happened, pointing out good practice, throwing in extra questions. It is always good fun, and it points out the importance of the Chair.

I would have to suggest a fee of £3,000 + VAT, all-in, on the basis that you arrange and pay for the venue, catering and photocopying. No limit on how many members and officers we take. That is on the basis that I certainly deliver the session personally, and leave it up to Olwen whether she wants to join me.

If this is acceptable, perhaps you could suggest some dates. My diary tends to be pretty clear until about a month ahead, when it fills up rather alarmingly. But I could reserve 2 or 3 dates for you to confirm with the participating authorities.

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Awena

Mae'n ddrwg gennyf gymryd cyhyd i ddod yn ôl atoch.

Byddwn yn falch o'ch cynorthwyo.

Os oeddech yn meddwl am ddiwrnod llawn, 10 tan 4, byddai modd cael sesiynau sgwrsio yn y bore gan ganolbwyntio ar feysydd cyfredol i chi - blogio efallai a'r gorgyffwrdd rhwng Diddordebau dan y Côt a Rhagfarnu a Rhag-benderfynu? Beth am Ddiddordebau mewn unrhyw Ad-drefnu? Yn y prynhawn, gellid cynnal gwrandawriad ffug. Gwnaed hynny yng Nghynhadledd Safonau Cymru 2011 yn Llandrindod a chafodd dderbyniad da. Rydym wedi gwneud hyn sawl gwaith yn Lloegr gyda sgript ychydig yn wahanol - cyn i Loegr wneud i ffwrdd â hyn oll. Rwy'n amgáu'r senario a'r sgript a ddefnyddiais bryd hynny a gellwn eu diweddarau. Darllenwch y sgript os gwelwch yn dda a dweud wrthyf am unrhyw beth yr hoffech ei gynnwys ynddi. I bob pwrpas, byddaf yn gwirfoddoli aelodau a swyddogion i wahanol rolau ac mae nhw'n chwarae-ddarllen y sgript a byddaf i'n cymryd arnaf rôl yr Adroddwr ac yn egluro pam fod pethau wedi digwydd, dwyn sylw at arferion da a gofyn cwestiynau ychwanegol. Mae'n ymarfer hwyliog ac mae'n tanlinellu pwysigrwydd rôl y Cadeirydd.

Byddwn yn awgrymu ffi o £3,000 + TAW am y cyfan, ar yr amod eich bod chi'n trefnu lleoliad, arlwy a llun-gopiö ac yn talu am y rhain. Nid oes unrhyw gyfyngiad ar nifer yr aelodau a'r swyddogion all fod yn bresennol. Mae hyn ar y sail y byddaf i'n bendant yn cyflwyno'r sesiwn - gall Olwen benderfynu a ydyw'n dymuno ymuno ai peidio.

Os yw hyn yn dderbyniol, efallai y gallech awgrymu rhai dyddiadau. Mae fy nyddiadur yn weddol glir tua mis ymlaen llaw, ond wedyn mae'n llenwi'n aruthrol o gyflym. Ond gellwn gadw 2 neu 3 o ddyddiadau i chi eu cadarnhau gyda'r awdurdodau a fyddai'n cymryd rhan yn y sesiwn.

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