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Review of registers – summary of findings

<u>The Standing Register</u>	<u>The Register of Declarations at meetings</u>	<u>Register of Gifts and Hospitality</u>	<u>Training Record</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many examples of school governor status not being declared as a personal interest. 2. Councillors not providing enough detail on land interests in 1.6. This needs to be more detailed and if there are no land interests this should be declared as “none or no interest”. There may be a lack of understanding amongst councillors as to what a land interest is. 3. Abbreviations of outside bodies, charities and associations used which are unclear. Members should provide the full name and address of the body/charity of which they are a member. 4. Not enough detail being provided on business activities involved in – descriptions need to be provided of the type of business being undertaken. 5. It would help if a section was included in the standing register section of the internet which stated the date it was 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Numerous examples of paper form being disclosed in meetings but not being updated online. Is this an issue with the officer’s processing the information? 2. Confusion as to what is personal and prejudicial still continuing. 3. Examples of members ticking box to say they have an interest but then no detail on the interest being provided. Is this because they are unsure? 4. Not enough detail being provided on what the personal and prejudicial interests are. 5. Confusion on prejudicial interest and what it is – especially when talking about family and friends. 6. Should guidance be provided by committee chairs to members? 7. Lack of care being shown by the councillors in filling in the forms with numerous errors and failure to complete the forms in full. 8. Members are still not 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website says that there are no gifts and hospitality as the site has not being updated with the detail provided on hard copies. Should this be changed to take it down, or say “not yet available” instead? 2. Should the £20 threshold be removed to encourage more disclosures? 3. Definition of “hospitality” should be reviewed and members need to be educated on what this means. E.g., is going to a presentation by an outside body where food is provided hospitality? 4. It would be beneficial if these could be completed on-line as this would provide more transparency – currently the public has no interactive access to the register. 5. Still very few disclosures being made. 6. Members would benefit from guidance on when to record gifts and hospitality and to be reminded that completing the forms will assist in reducing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suggest training records are kept for co-opted member members; 2. Can training records be placed online? 3. Some members of the audit committee had not attended audit committee training. 4. Quite a few members who have not attended the register of interest training. 5. This part of the webpage is not bilingual. 6. Records should be updated to show how many training sessions the members were actually invited to attend. 7. Value of the gifts and hospitality received should be indicated.

<p>last updated.</p> <p>6. List of outside bodies and school governors needs to include appointment dates.</p> <p>7. There are still anomalies between membership of outside bodies, as recorded by the council, and those declared.</p> <p>8. Can the list of outside bodies be made simpler by listing the name of each councillor and the body to which they have been appointed to in list format?</p> <p>9. Recommend that all unused boxes in the standing register should be struck through or completed with “nil” or “no”.</p>	<p>providing enough information about what the interest is and how it relates to agenda items.</p> <p>9. No changes needed to the forms – the councillors just need to take more care in filling the forms in.</p> <p>10.Suggested that the committee chair should hand forms back if they are incomplete.</p> <p>11.Some councillors are still completing old forms. Councillors should be told to destroy old forms and committee chairs should be told not to accept</p> <p>12.Examples of prejudicial interest being shown on the English web-version but not the welsh. Both versions should be the same.</p> <p>13.Numerous boxes which state things such as “members are required to tick one box etc.” are just being ignored.</p> <p>14.More guidance on the difference between personal and prejudicial interest would be useful.</p>	<p>complaints.</p>	
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