

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Standards Committee
<b>REPORT NO:</b>	HCCS/65/18
<b>DATE:</b>	6 December 2018
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	Head of Corporate and Customer Services/Monitoring Officer, Sioned Wyn Davies
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Linda Roberts, Deputy Monitoring Officer (Tel: 292221)
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Code of Conduct for Members – Relations with Officers & Social Media
<b>WARD:</b>	N/A

## **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To receive a presentation from the Monitoring Officer of the training given to Members relating to the Code of Conduct focusing on Relations with Officers and Social Media.

## **2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 On 27 September 2018 the Monitoring Officer provided training to Members in relation to the Code of Conduct with a focus on behaviour towards officers and use of social media. The training included examples of matters referred to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales to highlight the approach taken by the Ombudsman to such cases.

## **3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To note the contents of the training for Members.**

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To inform the Standards Committee of the training provided to Members.

## **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

4.1 The roles and functions of the Standards Committee include:

Advising, training or arranging to train Members and Co-opted Members of the Council on matters relating to the Authority's Code of Conduct, the Protocol for Member/Officer Relations, and any other Codes the Council introduces relating to the conduct of Members.

**5. IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 **Policy Framework** – A strong ethical framework and governance arrangements supports the Council Plan outcome of creating conditions for success. Strong ethical arrangements underpin the objectives contained in the Council Plan.

5.2 **Budget** – There are no immediate budgetary implications arising from this report.

5.3 **Legal** – By virtue of Section 51(2) of the Local Government Act 2000 the Authority is required to adopt a Code as regards the conduct which is expected of Members and co-opted Members of the Authority and which they must undertake to observe during their period of office in accordance with Sections 51 and 52 of the Local Government Act 2000. Monitoring the Code of Conduct and associated Protocols and Procedures and advising thereon falls within the remit of this Committee.

5.4 **Staffing** – There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – There are no specific equality or human rights issues arising from this report.

5.6 **Risks** – There are no specific risks identified in this report.

5.7 **Consultation** – There has been no consultation in respect of this report.

**6 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

The matter has not been subject to Scrutiny.

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>WEBSITE INFO.</b>
Code of Conduct for Members – April 2016	Website	<a href="http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/council/codeconduct/index.htm">http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/council/codeconduct/index.htm</a>