

Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU
15FED MEDI 2017

Papur Gwyn Llywodraeth Cymru ar Ddiwygio Llywodraeth Leol		
Yr Argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen: Nodi'r adroddiad		
Rhesymau: Gallai'r cynigion yn y Papur Gwyn gael effaith sylweddol ar waith y Pwyllgor		
Argymhellion / Sylwadau'r Pwyllgor Craffu: Amherthnasol		
Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad NAC OES Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad NAC OES		
YR AELOD O'R BWRDD GWEITHREDOL SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Y Cynghorydd E Dole (Arweinydd)		
Y Gyfarwyddiaeth Y Prif Weithredwr Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth: Linda Rees-Jones Awdur yr Adroddiad: Robert Edgecombe	Swyddi: Pennaeth Gweinyddiaeth a'r Gyfraith Rheolwr Dros Dro y Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol	Rhifau ffôn: 01267 224018 Cyfeiriadau E-bost: RJEdgeco@sirgar.gov.uk.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
15TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

Welsh Government White Paper on Reforming Local Government

In January 2017 the Welsh Government published a White Paper entitled 'Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed'. The paper set out proposals for the delivery of a wide range of Council services on a regional basis, whilst retaining the existing 22 Unitary Authorities.

Although the main focus of the White Paper is this regionalisation of service delivery, there are a number of proposals which have the potential to significantly impact upon the Standards Committee. These are;

1. The placing of specific statutory duties on Councillors in relation to how they engage with the public. ('Prescribed Performance Duties')
2. Standards Committees to hear cases of alleged failure by Councillors to perform those duties
3. Requiring Standards Committees to advise and train to Councillors in respect of these duties
4. The placing of specific statutory duties upon leaders of political groups to promote good standards of conduct within their group and co-operate with Standards Committees in the exercise of their functions
5. Placing a duty on Town and Community Councils to consider and plan for their training needs.
6. Possible changes to the Members Code of Conduct to reflect the duty of Councillors to act in the interests of their region, as well as the local authority of which they are a member.
7. A duty on Standards Committees to, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, submit an annual report to the authority in respect of that year describing how the committee's functions have been discharged during that financial year. This includes a requirement to assess the extent to which leaders of political groups on the Council have complied with their duty to promote good standards of conduct and co-operated with the Standards Committee.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2. Local Member(s)

Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council

Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners

Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	DPSC-153	Legal Services, County Hall