

**REPORT OF GROUP LEADER IN RELATION TO DUTY  
UNDER SECTION 69 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021**

Report by:	Rob James		
Political Group:	Welsh Labour		
No. of members:	23	No. trained on Code:	23 (100%)
For the period:	2022 - 2023		

**Number, Source and Level of Complaints**

	Informal	Local Resolution (Stage)			PSOW
		1	2	3	
Public	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
Officers	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Councillors	2	2	0	0	0

**Steps taken to Promote Compliance  
(To Be Completed by Group Leader)**

Include matters such as:

- your attendance at Code of Conduct training
- demonstrating personal commitment to and attending relevant development or training around equalities and standards;
- encouraging group members to attend relevant development or training around equalities and standards;
- ensuring nominees to a Committee have received the recommended training for that Committee;

- All new members of the group have been trained on the code of conduct.
- All existing members of the group have been trained on the code of conduct.
- All members of the group have been encouraged to take part in induction training and I have attempted to attend as many as possible, depending on diary commitments.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promoting civility and respect within group communications and meetings and in formal Council meetings;</li> <li>- promoting informal resolution procedures in the Council, and working with the Standards Committee and monitoring officers to achieve local resolution;</li> <li>- promoting a culture within the group which supports high standards of conduct and integrity;</li> <li>- attend a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee if requested to discuss Code of Conduct issues;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developed internal monitoring systems of councillor's social media accounts and ensure that all posts on personal and professional pages meet the standards expected.</li> <li>- Encouraged group members to utilise the informal resolution procedures for peer-to-peer complaints.</li> <li>- Carmarthenshire Labour have ensured that all Councillors and prospective councillors sign internal "contracts" committing themselves to adhering to the Code.</li> <li>- As a member of the Council's Standards Committee, I engage with the process of ensuring that all members, both in the group and all those elected across Carmarthenshire act appropriately.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- work to implement any recommendations from the Standards Committee about improving standards;</li> <li>- work together with other group leaders, within reason, to collectively support high standards of conduct within the Council.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All group leaders have worked tirelessly this year to ensure that we approach council business in a collaborative manner. We have held meetings with officers and the administration to support policy development and engage with the budget setting process.</li> <li>- As a Standards Committee member, I also seek to improve standards across the authority.</li> </ul>
<p>Any other matters you consider to be relevant and wish to raise</p>

Signed. R James

Dated. 12/05/2023