

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**14 JUNE 2018**

**REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

**STANDARDS CONFERENCE WALES 2018**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the forthcoming Standards Conference in September 2018.

**2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority**

2.1 Standards are an implicit requirement in the successful implementation of the Corporate Themes.

**3. Background**

3.1 The Monitoring Officer has been advised that the 2018 Standards Conference Wales will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Aberystwyth University.

**4. Current Situation / Proposal**

4.1 Full details of the conference have not yet been received, but the Monitoring Officer is aware that the key speaker is to be Mr N Bennett, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

4.2 The conference is an opportunity for all those in promoting high standards of conduct in Welsh authorities to come together and discuss current issues and share best practices. The conference will also provide an opportunity to hear directly from senior officials involved in the adjudication of the Code of Conduct, to question them on matters of concern and to enable delegates to debate current issues on the Code of Conduct.

4.3 It is anticipated that up to three places will be offered to each Local Authority within Wales however, further details in regard to this will be provided when known. It is recommended that the Chair of the Committee and one County Borough Councillor Member attend the Conference with the Monitoring Officer.

**5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules**

5.1 There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

**6. Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 None.

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1 The cost of the event is yet to be confirmed but will be met from existing budgets.

## **8 Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications**

8.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. As the report is for noting only it is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

9.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the report.

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## **Background documents**

None