

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE

26 JANUARY 2016

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

STANDARDS CONFERENCE WALES 2015

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update from the Standards Conference Wales 2015.

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 Standards Conference Wales 2015 took place on 19 October 2015, hosted by Cardiff City Council.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

- 4.1 The theme for the conference was “Standards and Ethics in a Changing World” to reflect the challenges being faced by the Welsh local government sector.
- 4.2 There were a total of 117 attendees at the conference from 27 organisations from across the Welsh public sector, including representatives from every principal council in Wales, many Community Councils, the National Parks authorities and Fire and Rescue Services.
- 4.3 The Conference provided an opportunity to hear directly from senior officials involved in the adjudication of the Code of Conduct. Mr Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales was also in attendance.
- 4.4 A copy of the Standards Conference Report is attached as **Appendix 1** for information. The slides from the conference are also available at: <https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/Visiting/SCW2015/Presentations/Pages/default.aspx>.

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 None.

8. Recommendation

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the report.

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Background documents

None