

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Ethics and Standards Committee
DATE: 25 January 2023
LOCATION: Hybrid
TITLE: Political Group Leaders Compliance Template

Background

Political group leaders are subject to two new statutory duties under the Local Government & Elections Wales Act 2021:

- To take reasonable steps to promote and maintain good standards of behaviour amongst their group members
- To co-operate with the Standards Committee in the exercise of the standards committee's functions.

The Ethics & Standards Committee is under a duty to:

- monitor compliance by leaders of political groups on the council with their duties, and
- to advise, train or arrange to train leaders of political groups on the council about matters relating to those duties.

The Ethics & Standards Committee is also under a duty to prepare an annual report which:

- a) must include the committee's assessment of the extent to which leaders of political groups on the council have complied with their duties, and
- b) may include recommendations or comment on levels of compliance with these new duties.

Current Position

Appendix A provides detail of the legislation and statutory guidance and the proposed template which is based on examples in the WG Guidance to prompt group leaders on the matters to be covered in their reports. The Chair, Vice Chair and Political Group Leaders have contributed to the drafting of the protocol and template.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To APPROVE the draft Political Group Leaders Compliance Template

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

To comply with the Local Government & Elections Wales Act 2021

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Acronyms:

Appendix A – Political Group Leaders Compliance Template