

## Ceredigion County Council Ethics and Standards Committee Meeting Actions Log 2022-2023\*

The purpose of this Actions Log is to monitor Actions agreed by the Ethics and Standards Committee at their Meetings e.g. where the Ethics and Standards have requested a future Report to be presented to them, or information sought at a future Meeting.

For further information regarding the Actions Log please contact the Standards Officer.

Last updated: 18 January 2023

\*Municipal Year

Actions marked green and Completed ('Y') shall be removed from the subsequent Actions Log

### Acronyms:

AW – Audit Wales

CE: Chief Executive

CLO – Corporate Lead Officer

FWP – Forward Work Programme

SO – Standards Officer

MO – Monitoring Officer

CM – Corporate Manager

ESC – Ethics and Standards  
Committee

OVW – One Voice Wales

L&G – Legal & Governance

N/A – Not Applicable

TBC – To Be Confirmed

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<u>1.</u>	25/1/23	To discuss with party leaders the methods of promoting and maintaining high standards by conduct by Members of Ceredigion County Council to include the duties required under S 62-63 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021		Arrangements be given to providing refresher training on the Code soon	MO / LE	Date arranged 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023		
	25/1/23	<del>New Quay Town Council applications</del>	<del>defer determination of these applications</del>	<del>request further information from the Clerk</del>	<del>LE</del>	<del>Email sent 30/1/23 Information received from clerk</del>	<del>3/4/23</del>	

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		<b>for dispensation</b>						
<u>3.</u>	25/1/23	<b>Harmonisation of gifts/hospitality thresholds across all Welsh Authorities</b>	<p>AGREED that:</p> <p>Whilst consistency agreed in principle, local variation was acceptable.</p>	<p>The threshold for acceptance of gifts by Council Members and Officers should be in-line with each other.</p> <p>Further consideration would be given to this proposal by the Committee and would also be placed on the Forward Work Programme for consideration. Also potentially by the Democratic Services Committee as</p>	MO / NJ	<p>Emal sent to MO /NJ 17/2/23</p> <p><u>3/4/23 meeting: agreed that it would be reviewed again in six months as it was also now a part of the consultation in the Penn report. This would be placed on the Forward Work Programme.</u></p>	<u>15/11/23</u>	

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				necessary. Changes to the Code could only be made by Council.				
<u>4.</u>	25/1/23	<b>Self Evaluation of the Ethics and Standards Committee</b>	It was AGREED that further consideration be given to the self evaluation in relation to the removal of the middle option on the self evaluation and that a question be added in relation to the effectiveness of the Committee in considering the workload of the committees' agenda.	Amended version sent to Members 16/2/23 for further comment	LE	Responses received. Self evaluation will be sent to Members in May 2023  <u>Questionnaire sent to Members</u>	<u>5/6/23</u>	

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<u>5.</u>		<b>Review the Vision Statement</b>		Members provided views over email	LE	Reported to ESC 3/4	3/4/23	
<u>6.</u>	<u>3/4/23</u>	<b><u>Political group Leaders template document</u></b>		<u>Para 12 amended</u>  <u>Template sent to group leaders to complete.</u>  <u>Workshop set up with ESC members and group leaders 15/5/23</u>	<u>EP / LE</u>			
<u>7.</u>	<u>3/4/23</u>	<b><u>Appoint Vice Chair</u></b>		<u>Deferred to next meeting</u>		<u>JW confirmed he'd be happy to remain as Vice Chair until his term of office comes to end</u>	<u>5/6/23</u>	
<u>8.</u>	<u>3/4/23</u>	<b><u>Review of Vision Statement</u></b>		<u>defer consideration of the statement wording in</u>	<u>MO / Chair</u>	<u>Placed on FWP for next meeting</u>	<u>5/6/23</u>	

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				<u>order to consider additional wording proposed to include businesses and organisation after "people"</u>				
<u>9.</u>	<u>3/4/23</u>	<u>Livestream of ESC Hearings in other authorities</u>		<u>Share livestream recordings from other authorities for training purposes</u>	<u>LME</u>	<u>Current links found shared with MO</u>		
<u>10.</u>	<u>3/4/23</u>	<u>Code of Conduct refresher training for Town/ Community Councils</u>		<u>To be offered to Town/ Community Councils in 2024</u>	<u>DJ / MO</u>			
<u>11</u>	<u>3/4/23</u>	<u>Penn Review consultation</u>		<u>Draft response to the 20</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>Circulated to ESC</u>		

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				<u>questions prepared by the Monitoring Officer be circulated to Members</u>		<u>Members via email and uploaded to Teams for Member input</u>  <u>Responses asked for by 30-April</u>		