

Ceredigion County Council Ethics and Standards Committee Meeting Actions Log 2023-2024*

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 October 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

No.	ESC Meeting Date	Item	Noted/ Comments	Action	Officer(s) responsible for Action	Progress Update	To next be Reported	Completed ? Y/N
1,	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 th May 2023		Yes
2.	25/1/23	Harmonisation of gifts/hospitality thresholds	AGREED that: Whilst consistency agreed in	The threshold for acceptance of gifts by Council Members and	MO / NJ	Email sent to MO /NJ 17/2/23	15/11/23 10/1/24	

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		across all Welsh Authorities	principle, local variation was acceptable.	Officers should be in-line with each other. 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 necessary. Changes to the Code could only be made by Council.		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.		
3.	25/1/23	Self Evaluation	It was AGREED that	Amended version sent to	LE	Responses received. Self	5/6/23	

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		of the Ethics and Standards Committee	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.	Members 16/2/23 for further comment		evaluation will be sent to Members in May 2023 Questionnaire sent to Members Workshop was arranged for members following the 5/6/23 meeting. Workshop on 6/9/23 cancelled due to number of members unable to attend	Workshop to be re-arranged	
4.		Review the Vision Statement		Members provided views over email	LE	Reported to ESC ³ / ₄ It was AGREED at	3/4/23 5/6/23	Y

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						the meeting on 5/6/23 that the Vision Statement remained to be fit for purpose		
5.	3/4/23	Political group Leaders template document		Para 12 amended Template sent to group leaders to complete. Workshop set up with ESC members and group leaders 15/5/23	EP / LE		Reported 5/6/23	Y
6.	3/4/23	Appoint Vice Chair		Deferred to next meeting		JW confirmed he'd be happy to remain as Vice Chair until his term of office comes to end	5/6/23 Report to Committee 10/1/23	

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7.	3/4/23 5/6/23	Review of Vision Statement		defer consideration of the statement wording in order to consider additional wording proposed to include businesses and organisation after “people”	MO / Chair	Placed on FWP for next meeting It was AGREED at the meeting on 5/6/23 that the Vision Statement remained to be fit for purpose	5/6/23	Y
8.	3/4/23	Livestream of ESC Hearings in other authorities		Share livestream recordings from other authorities for training purposes	LME	Current links found shared with MO and sent to Members of the Committee		
9.	3/4/23 5/6/23	Code of Conduct refresher training for Town/		To be offered to Town/ Community Councils in 2024	DJ / MO			

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10	3/4/23 5/6/23	Penn Review consultation		Draft response to the 20 questions prepared by the Monitoring Officer be circulated to Members	MO	Circulated to ESC Members via email and uploaded to Teams for Member input Responses asked for by 30 April Consultation response submitted	5/6/23: It was AGREED to note that the consultation response would be submitted as presented.	Y
11	5/6/23	Succession Planning of Independent Members		Report to Council Establish shortlisting / interview panel	LME	Report taken to Council Shortlisting panel took place on 9/10/23 Interviews scheduled to	Update on 15/11/23`	

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						take place on 16/11/23		
12	5/6/23	Self evaluation of scrutiny		AGREED that a workshop be held to consider the responses and to prioritise the future work of the committee.	LME	Arranged for 6/9/23 Cancelled due to numbers able to attend. To be discussed at end of 16/11/23 meeting	Workshop following 16/11/23 meeting	
13	5/6/23	Update on Adjudication Panel for Wales matters		This report would be circulated to all Clerks of Town and Community Councils and Group Leaders.	LE / DJ	Sent		Y
14	5/6/23	Update on the Public Services Ombudsman matters		This report would be circulated to all Clerks of Town and Community	LE /DJ	sent		Y

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