

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: 24 January 2024

*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	Harmonisation of gifts/hospitality thresholds across all Welsh Authorities	<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 necessary. Changes to</p>	MO / NJ	<p>Emal sent to MO /NJ 17/2/23</p> <p>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.</p> <p>15/11/23: AGREED to</p> <p>(i) note the developments since considering this matter at</p>	15/11/23	Yes

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				the Code could only be made by Council.		the meeting on 23/1/23; and (ii) that the gift/hospitality threshold for Ceredigion County Council Members remain at £21.		
2	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 4/12/23: It was AGREED that Ms Gail Storr be appointed as Vice-Chair as from 22 February	Yes

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							2024 for a period of four years. Council informed on 14/12/23.	
3	3/4/23 5/6/23	Code of Conduct refresher training for Town/ Community Councils		To be offered to Town/ Community Councils in 2024	DJ / MO	15/11/23: It was AGREED as training was available on the Code of Conduct by One Voices Wales, that Town and Community Councils should contact them for training.		Yes
4	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 take place on 16/11/23	Update on 15/11/23`	Yes

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						Llinos Jones appointed from 22/2/24		
5	15/11/23	The Public Services Ombudsman Annual Letter 22/23 ,PSOW Annual Report 22/23 and PSOW Decision Notices	It was AGREED to (i) note the contents of the PSOW Annual letter 22/23 and the PSOW Annual report 22/23, (ii) that Members receive information regarding PSOW Decision Notices, and (iii) that they would be circulated by	Confidential email	MO/DJ	DJ circulated via confidential email		Y

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			confidential email					
6	15/11/23	Town & Community Council training Plans	<p>AGREED</p> <p>(i) that an email was sent to all clerks reminding them that they must prepare and publish a training plan, and to request that the plans were sent to Ceredigion County Council</p> <p>(ii) that the monitoring plan of these training plans be an item on the Forward Work Programme to consider annually; and</p>	Email to community/town councils	LE	Email sent	6/3/23	

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			(iii) that the respective County Councillor be contacted if the Community Council in their Ward had not presented the plan to the Council; as to state that the plan was required to be on their website in line with legislation					