

CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF DINAS A SIR CAERDYDD

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE: 5 OCTOBER 2006

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AGENDA ITEM:
THE STANDARDS COMMITTEES (WALES) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2006

Reason for this Report

1. To inform the Committee of the issue by the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) of new regulations (the Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006), which amend the 2001 Regulations (the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001), with effect from 14 July 2006.

Background

2. The Committee at its meetings on 14 September 2005 and 14 March 2006 considered the amendments proposed by the Welsh Assembly Government ('WAG') to the 2001 Regulations; and authorised the Monitoring Officer to respond to the WAG consultations accordingly. The comments of the Committee were duly conveyed to WAG.

Issues

3. The Welsh Assembly has now issued the new Regulations, a copy of which, together with the associated Explanatory Note, is attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
4. The Committee may wish to note, in particular, that the new Regulations provide that:
 - a second term of office is now permitted for independent members (up to a maximum of a further 4 years);
 - the term of office of community council committee members is 4 years, or the period until the next community council elections, whichever is shorter; and such members may be re-appointed for one further consecutive term; and

- the Council is to make the final decision on the appointment of community council members to the Committee, subject to prior consultation with community councils in their area.

Legal Implications

The relevant legal provisions and the implications of these are contained within the body of this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the provisions of the Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

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28 September 2006

Background papers

Reports to the Standards & Ethics Committee on the Consultation on Amendment to the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 dated 14 September 2005, and 14 March 2006; and Minutes of those meetings.

Appendices

Appendix A - The Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006