
REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

MEMBERS SURVEY 2017

Reason for this Report

1. To seek comments of the Democratic Services Committee on the draft Member Survey 2017.

Background

2. The Democratic Services Committee and the Standards and Ethics Committee in March 2017 considered the outcomes of the Members Exit Survey undertaken by Cardiff Council in February 2017.
3. One of the key aims of the survey was to help inform the Member Induction Programme 2017 and learn from experiences of outgoing Councillors who were retiring and / or standing down for a variety of reasons.
4. Both Committees asked that a repeat Member Survey be undertaken in the autumn period of the first year of the new administration.
5. During the last administration an Annual Member Survey was undertaken. The most recent of these was in May / June 2016 which provide important feedback on Members Support Services as part of the Review of Services to Councillors and also feedback on the Members' Learning Programme to help inform the ongoing programme and draft Member Induction and Learning Curriculum.
6. In addition, the WLGA Data unit undertook an All Wales Survey in April/ May 2017 of all Members who were standing down at the last election and the findings of that report are attached as **Appendix A**.

Issues

7. A draft survey has been prepared incorporating questions from the Exit Survey and the 2016 Member Survey so that the data can be benchmarked and any ongoing trends or issues identified.
8. A draft survey is attached as **Appendix B** to the report for the Committee to consider and provide feedback.

9. It is proposed that the survey be circulated electronically and in hard copy at the end of November to coincide with the November Council meeting.
10. Analysis of the data collected from the survey and comparator data will be reported to the first meeting of this Committee in the new year (the questions on behaviour will be reported to the Standards and Ethics Committee).

Legal Implications

11. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

Financial Implications

12. There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to

1. comment on the draft Member Survey 2017 and for circulation to Councillors in November 2017;
2. note that the analysis of the questions relevant to this Committee from the Member Survey 2017 will be reported to the Committee in the new year.

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APPENDICIES

Appendix A – WLGA All Wales Exit Survey Members Standing Down May 2017
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Appendix B - Draft Member Survey 2017