

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE: 22 SEPTEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

AGENDA ITEM:

ALL WALES STANDARDS CONFERENCE 2015

Reason for this Report

1. To provide the Committee with information on arrangements for the forthcoming All Wales Standards Conference 2015, which is being hosted by the City of Cardiff Council.

Background

2. The All Wales Standards Conference 2015 is being hosted by the City of Cardiff Council. A conference planning task group of the Committee has met with the Monitoring Officer on 2 occasions since the beginning of this year to discuss arrangements for the conference. The Monitoring Officer has also liaised with the Monitoring Officers of other Welsh local authorities. The Committee has received verbal updates on conference preparations at each of its meetings this year.

Issues

3. The Conference will take place on Tuesday 20th October 2015, with an evening reception hosted by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on the evening of Monday 19th October. The theme for this year's conference is 'Standards and Ethics in a Changing World', and the aim is to mark the 20th anniversary of the Nolan principles by exploring the question: Are the Nolan Principles fit for purpose in the current climate and for the next 20 years?
4. The finalised Conference Programme, attached as **Appendix A** to this report, includes key note speakers, a panel discussion and 6 workshop options to explore various topical issues in more detail.
5. There has been a good response to the Conference invitations, which were issued on 3rd August. So far, we have received bookings from 63 delegates representing 17 organisations. Reminders have been sent out recently and it is hoped that the conference may eventually attract up to one hundred delegates.

A summary of bookings information is attached as **Appendix B** for Members' information.

Legal Implications

6. There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

Financial Implications

7. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the information set out in this report and confirms any other instructions it may have with regard to arrangements for the Conference.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A	Programme for Standards Conference Wales 2015
Appendix B	Conference Bookings – Summary Info (to date)

Background Papers:

Minutes of Committee meetings in October 2013, January 2015 & April 2015 -
Monitoring Officer's Verbal Updates on Standards Conference 2015