

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE: 15 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES

All Wales Standards Conference 2015

Reason for this Report

1. To enable the Committee to consider the outcomes of the All Wales Standards Conference 2015 and any further action it wishes to take following on from the Conference.

Background

2. The All Wales Standards Conference 2015 was hosted by the City of Cardiff Council, under the direction of the Standards and Ethics Committee. The Committee formed a conference planning task group to agree arrangements for the conference; and received reports (verbal or written) on conference preparations at each of its meetings this year.

Issues

3. The Conference took 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 was 'Standards and Ethics in a Changing World', and the aim was 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? The Conference Programme was as previously approved by the Committee.
4. In the closing session of the Conference, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee discussed the key issues and themes they had noted during the Conference; and agreed to circulate a report to all delegates. The Vice-Chair has prepared a draft Conference Report, which is attached as **Appendix A**.
5. Members are invited to provide comments on the draft Conference Report, in particular, to provide further information on discussions at the workshops they attended. Members may also wish to consider whether they wish to undertake any further work or actions, following on from any of the issues raised at the Conference.

6. Informal feedback on the Conference has been very positive. Delegates were given feedback forms to complete and the responses are shown in **Appendix B**.
7. The demand for conference places was high, which means that all the Council's costs, including conference preparation time, have been fully met.

Legal Implications

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

Financial Implications

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the information set out in this report and comment as appropriate;
2. Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to finalise the Conference Report (**Appendix A**) and circulate copies to all Conference delegates and speakers; and
3. Consider any further action or work the Committee may wish to undertake following on from the Conference and instruct the Monitoring Officer accordingly.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A	Draft Conference Report 'Standards Conference Wales 2015 – Standards and Ethics in a Changing World
Appendix B	Summary of Completed Conference Feedback Forms

Background Papers:

Standards Conference Wales 2015, Standards & Ethics Committee report, 22nd September 2015