

Committee:	The Standards Committee
Date :	October 1st 2018
Title :	The Standards Committee's Presence on the Council's Website
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Purpose :	To ask for the Committee's views

Background

1. As part of its self-assessment in its meeting on 9th July, the committee asked us to consider ways of raising the profile of the Standards Committee on the Council's website.

The Current Position

2. Information on all Gwynedd Council committees is available on the council's website. As a result, the following details are currently displayed on the Standards Committee's page:

- Brief and general description of the Committee's role
- Agendas and minutes of each meeting
- Membership of the committee
- Any declarations of interest made at a meeting

A screenshot of the relevant pages is attached as an **Appendix**

Information that could be added

3. It is possible to provide further information on the page by including documents or links to documents and to external websites. Examples of what could be included are:

- A more detailed description of the committee's functions
- The Standards Committee's Annual Reports
- The Code of Conduct for Members
- Any guidelines approved by the committee
- Gwynedd Council's relevant policies, protocols and guidelines
- Declaration of interest forms and application for dispensation forms

- The Ombudsman's Guidelines on the Code of Conduct
- The Welsh Local Government Association's guidelines on the use of social media
- Relevant websites such as the Ombudsman and the Awarding Panel for Wales

4. This would ensure that relevant information is available in one convenient and accessible place for members, clerks, officers and the public.

Recommendations

5. The Committee's comments and recommendations are requested on what to include on the Council's website