

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>27<sup>TH</sup> June 2016</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ATTENDING AND OPBSERVING MEETINGS</b>
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### **Background**

1. The Standards Committee has, through its work programme encouraged members to attend meetings of Gwynedd Council and community councils in the county. The main aim of the exercise was to give members an opportunity to become conversant with how Gwynedd Council or community council's member forums operated. An important means of providing a context for their work.
2. During this period a standing item was placed on the agenda and reports were provided of the visits. It was also noted that web-casting of meetings meant that it was far easier to observe meetings. During the period reports were received of visits to Llanystumdwy and Llandwrog community councils.
3. This is currently and ad-hoc arrangement and members are encouraged to attend meetings in their area. Although there is nothing to prevent members from neither attending public meetings nor following web-casts no formal structure or aims have been set for doing this. On the other hand the work has been placed in the work plan because of the perceived benefit of promoting this understanding.
4. It is an appropriate point in time to review the benefits produced. The question to be addressed is whether there would be value in setting out a more structured programme of activities.

### **Recommendation**

That the Committee considers the possible value of setting out a more structured programme of observing meetings.