

SUBJECT:	Ombudsman Factsheets
MEETING:	Standards Committee
DATE:	15th September 2015
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	All

1. PURPOSE:

To advise Standards Committee members of the Public Services Ombudsman For Wales factsheets for councillors on what happens when a member faces an allegation that the code of conduct has been breached and the subsequent interview process.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

To note the contents of the factsheets.

3. KEY ISSUES:

The Ombudsman has produced 2 very helpful factsheets that he will provide to councillors facing allegations of a breach of the members' code of conduct. The first factsheet provides an overview of the investigation process whilst the second provides information on what to expect when a member faces an interview by the Ombudsman's investigator.

The factsheets are attached as an appendix to the report.

The factsheets are available on the Ombudsman's website and I will make all county councillors aware of the factsheets.

4. REASONS:

The Standards Committee has the role of promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by councillors through the provision of advice and guidance.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:

None.

7. SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS:

NONE.

8. CONSULTEES:

None.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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