

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

DATE: **MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2013**

REPORT BY: **MONITORING OFFICER**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL ALL WALES STANDARDS CONFERENCE**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.00 To inform members of the proposed content for the All Wales Standards Conference to be held on the 19 April 2013 and to request nominations to fill the places allocated to Flintshire County Council.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The All Wales Standards Conference is an annual event and each year it is held in a different location and covers items of topical interest on ethical and standards issues.

2.02 In previous years the Council has been allocated up to 8 places. Generally these places have been filled by Committee members and surplus places have been offered to Town and Community Councils to send representatives.

2.03 This year the event will take place on 19 April at Venue Cymru in Llandudno. The number of places available to the Council has however been reduced to four due to the size of the premises. In previous years one of those places would have been taken by the Monitoring Officer but this year as I am doing one of the presentations I have been given a free place.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The Council has five places available to it. It is for the Committee to choose who will fill those places. I would suggest that the Chair should attend if available but otherwise there are no limitations on how those places are used.

3.02 As with previous years, should there be any spare places then I would propose that we offer them to Town and Community Councils. If there are more volunteers than places then I would suggest that we draw lots to see who is allocated the place.

3.03 The attached programme for the event has been agreed (Appendix 1).

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the Committee decide who should attend the annual conference.

4.02 That any surplus places are offered to Town and Community Councils within Flintshire and that in the event of there being more volunteers than places, that lots are drawn to decide who will attend.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 The cost of the conference is estimated at £70 per delegate. Town and Community Councils will fund their own member attendance.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 – Conference Programme

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

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