

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
DATE: **MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2013**
REPORT BY: **MONITORING OFFICER**
SUBJECT: **AUDIT OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.00 To share what practice exists in other local authorities in Wales on auditing declarations of interest.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 At its last meeting the Committee considered the results of an audit of the process for declaring interests. It asked that practice in other councils be investigated and the results are set out below.

2.02 15 local authorities responded. 11 have not undertaken an audit. 1 is proposing to do so in January, 1 has the process audited by its internal audit team, 1 undertook an audit which has resulted in refresher sessions with members and revisions to the form. The final council (Anglesey) has been undertaking this process for some time, and it was from a presentation given by Anglesey Council's Monitoring Officer to the All Wales Standards Conference in April that gave rise to the idea to undertake an audit at Flintshire.

2.03 Anglesey very kindly supplied a number of documents including the form that they use for recording interests that have been declared. This is at Appendix 1 which could usefully be adopted at Flintshire.

3.00 **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 That the Committee consider adopting the form at Appendix 1 at Flintshire.

4.00 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That the revised form at Appendix 1 is adopted.

5.00 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 None

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

Appendix 1 – Members’ Declaration of Interest at Meetings form

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

As referred to in the report.

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