**Report No.** **06/12**

 Standards Committee

REPORT OF MONITORING OFFICER

**SUBJECT: STANDARDS CONFERENCE WALES**

The annual Standards Conference is due to held in Llandudno on Friday, the 19th April 2013.

At the moment I do not have any of the details of the programme but I am aware that the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales, Mr Peter Tyndall will be in attendance as well as the Chair of the Adjudication Panel Mr J Peter Davies.

As regards the rest of the programme I have been informed by the solicitor for Gwynedd who is organising it in her capacity as Chair of ACSeS that it is in the process of being finalised, with the hope that the Minister will be in attendance and speaking.

This Authority has in the past attended in some numbers although I am aware that there has been a feeling from some attendees that some conferences either in all or in part have not felt to have been of very much use at a practical level. Careful consideration will need to be given to future attendance in the light of the substantial cost to be incurred. An estimate of the cost of attendance is £1300.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That members consider carefully attendance at the Standards Conference 2013.**

*(For further information please contact John Parsons, Monitoring Officer)*