

REPORT OF MONITORING OFFICER

SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA AND ITS USE BY MEMBERS

The Welsh Local government Association has recently provided draft guidance to Local Authorities on the use of social media. This guidance is in the course of being published and my enquiries with the Welsh Local Government Association have revealed that it is likely to be published between publication of the agenda for this meeting and the date of the holding of the meeting. They have promised to let me know when it is published and I can then provide you with an electronic link or if for any reason it is not, then to provide me with the latest draft.

The use of social media is increasing and in order to put into context any complaint relating to the use of this members will need to be familiar not only with the Authority's Member Code of Conduct¹ based on the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008, the Conduct of Members (Principles) (Wales) Order 2001 but also with the relevant guidance issued by the WLGA and the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales².

¹ Adopted 28 June 2008

² Guidance to the Conduct of Members of County Councils published September 2012