

Report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer

Standards Committee – 3 June 2016

Local Government Ethical Framework – new statutory provision

Purpose:	To update the Standards Committee of recent changes made by Welsh Government in relation to the local government ethical framework.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	To note the provisions of The Local Government (Standards Committees, Investigations, Dispensations and Referral) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
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1. Introduction

1.1 Following a technical consultation undertaken between 30 November 2015 and 10 January 2016, The Local Government (Standards Committees, Investigations, Dispensations and Referral) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 came into force on 1 April 2016.

1.2 The above 2016 Regulations amend the following regulations:

- The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001
- The Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committee) (Wales) Regulations 2001
- Local Authorities (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001.

1.3 Attached at Appendix 1 is a letter dated 2 March 2016 from Welsh Government which outlines the changes made to the Local Government Ethical Framework and at Appendix 2 is the Explanatory Memorandum which the Committee is asked to note.

2. Equality and Engagement Implications

2.1 There are no direct equality or engagement implications associated with this report.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no likely materially different financial implications flowing from any dispensations granted, or for any referrals, appeals or reviews of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct following the amended Regulations.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Welsh Government letter dated 2 March 2016

Appendix 2 – Explanatory Memorandum from Welsh Government