

**BISHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**ETHICAL STANDARDS QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE**

<p>1. Please confirm when your community council formally adopted the new Model Code of Conduct (this should have been done before 26th June 2016).</p>	<p>Adopted 5th October 2016</p>
<p>2. Please confirm that all Community Councillors have signed a written declaration to abide by the new Member Code of Conduct.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>
<p>3. Please confirm that all Community Councillors have completed and signed a register of financial and other personal interests.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>
<p>4. What arrangements have you made for maintaining the Register of Members interests in accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000? In particular, who is the designated "proper officer, what arrangements are made for making the register available for public inspection and where the records are held?</p>	<p>The Clerk is the designated officer, the records are held by the Clerk and are available for inspection by arrangement. Scanned copies are visible on the Bishton CC website as part of Councillor details.</p>
<p>5. If your Community Council has a website, is the Register of Members interests published on the website and how often is this updated?</p>	<p>Register published on the website, updated as and when changes are made by Councillors.</p>
<p>6. Does the Council also publish other information electronically as required by Sections 55-57 of the 2013 Act and, if so, what?</p>	<p>The Clerk publishes all minutes and agendas for meetings on the Council website. Also Councillor &amp; Clerk profiles for each member stating name, photo ID (in some cases), audited statement of the council's accounts and public notices such as vacancies in the role of Councillor.</p>
<p>7. Have your Community Councillors received any training on the Member Code of Conduct, their obligations under the Code and the enforcement of the Code, including the role of the Standards Committee, the Ombudsman and the Adjudication Panel for Wales?</p> <p>If so, how many of them have been trained?</p> <p>How was the training provided:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initially, as part of their induction</li> <li>- By the City Council</li> <li>- By an external training provider</li> </ul>	<p>Yes, 6 of our 11 Councillors have attended Code of Conduct training provided by NCC.</p> <p>In addition, each Councillor is given a copy of the Code of Conduct on taking office and signs to give an undertaking they have read and will comply with the code.</p>

<p>8. Do members of the Community Council have any need for refresher training on the Members Code of Conduct or are there any particular areas of the Code on which they would benefit from training?</p>	<p>There are no specific issues currently though refresher training would probably be beneficial for both newer and long serving Councillors (and myself as a new Clerk).</p>
<p>9. Are there any particular problems with standards of Ethical behaviour within the Community Council or particular problems regarding the application of the Code?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>10. Would you be interested in participating in any future training? If so, what would be the best way to organise and deliver that training?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dedicated training session for your community council</li> <li>- A joint session with other community councils</li> <li>- A joint training session for Clerks, who could then cascade the training to their Members</li> </ul>	<p>Yes – a joint session with other Community Councils would be appropriate.</p>
<p>11. Has your Community Council adopted the Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community and Town Councils, produced by One Voice Wales [see copy attached] or any local variation?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>12. Do you have any other comments regarding Ethical standards issues or matters that you would wish the Standards Committee to consider?</p>	