

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**Standards Community Sub-Committee
25 October 2023**

REPORT BY: Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer

SUBJECT: Standards Issues

REPORT FOR: Decision, Information and Discussion

A. Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman

A1. Town and Community Councillor Referrals

In response to a request from the Committee the information regarding referrals to the Ombudsman Wales is presented in a different format, showing the dates for each stage of the process.

The abbreviations used in the headings are as follows:

MO – Monitoring Officer

OW – Ombudsman Wales

Stds – Standards Community Sub-Committee

APW - Adjudication Panel for Wales

The current position regarding matters with the Ombudsman is as follows:

Ref	Date OW notified MO of complaint	Date OW advised investigating or not investigating	Date OW's decision	Date considered by Stds	Date considered by APW
11/21	20/12/21	01/02/22 investigating	Referred to APW	N/A	Hearing 04/07/23 - Former councillor Donald Jenkins - disqualified for 15 months
03/22	26/09/22				
01/23		26/06/23 not investigating	N/A	N/A	N/A
02/23		14/08/23 not investigating	N/A	N/A	N/A

B. Dispensations

B1. Applications – Town and Community Councillors

There are no requests for dispensations.

C. Ombudsman Wales – Our Findings

Details of cases are available in [Ombudsman Wales - Our Findings](#)

It should be noted that “Our Findings” covers all matters investigated by the Ombudsman and not just Code of Conduct matters. “Our Findings” is updated on a monthly basis.

‘Our Findings’ contains a search facility, which includes “Subject”. Under the “Subject” heading the following categories of the Code are listed:

- Integrity
- Promotion of equality and respect
- Disclosure and registration of interest
- Duty to uphold the law
- Selflessness and Stewardship

At a recent meeting of all Welsh Monitoring Officers, the Ombudsman’s office was asked to consider re-instating the “ Casebook”, which was considered to be more helpful.

D. Adjudication Panel for Wales

Details of cases considered by the APW are available via the following link:
[Decisions | The Adjudication Panel for Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

E. Meeting Dates

To note dates of meetings in 2024 as follows, all starting at 2pm:

7 February

12 June

30 October

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