

# VCYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

## Standards Community Sub-Committee

1 May 2024

**REPORT BY:** Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer

**SUBJECT:** Standards Issues

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision, Information and Discussion

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### A. Referral of Town and Community Councillors to the Ombudsman Wales

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
03/22		26/09/22 investigating			
03/23		14/09/23 not investigating	N/A	N/A	N/A
04/23		21/11/23 not investigating	N/A	N/A	N/A
05/23		29/11/23 investigating			

### B. Dispensations - Applications by Town and Community Councillors

An application for dispensation has been requested by Councillor Evan Jones, Old Radnor Community Council. This was received via email on 5 April 2024. The request is detailed in Appendix 1.

### 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 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. The Ombudsman has declined to reinstate the casebook but is committed to improve the searchability of its website.

#### **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:  
12 June  
30 October

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