

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**Standards Community Sub - Committee
20 February 2019**

REPORT BY: Solicitor to the Council

SUBJECT: Standards Issues

REPORT FOR: Decision, Information and Discussion

A Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman

A1. Town and Community Councillor Referrals

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

7/17/TCC	Ombudsman investigating
6/18/TCC	No action to be taken
7/18/TCC	Complaint received – Ombudsman not investigating but now subject to review
8/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
10/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
11/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
13/18/TCC	Ombudsman investigating
15/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
16/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
17/18/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
18/18/TCC	Complaint received – not investigating

B. Dispensations

B1. Applications - Town and Community Councillors

No applications for dispensation have been received from Town or Community Councillors.

C Ombudsman's Casebook

The Ombudsman has published Code of Conduct Casebooks for the following period:

- July – September 2018

A copy of these Casebook is attached at **Appendix A.**

Back copies of the casebooks can be accessed from the website of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales at:

<https://www.ombudsman.wales/code-of-conducts/>

D Arrangements to fill one vacancy arising from the completion of a term of office of an Independent (Lay) Member on the Standards Committee

The County Council in October, 2018 agreed the arrangements to fill one vacancy on the Committee, arising from the completion of the term of office of an Independent (Lay) Member. A press release was published on 4 February, 2019 and adverts were placed in the County Times and the Brecon and Radnor Express during the week of 4 February, 2019, the cost being £1,167.93 [£973.27 excluding VAT].

The arrangements for considering applications is attached at **Appendix B**.

Applications will be considered by an Appointments Panel of five members:

- two of the current Independent (Lay) Members of the Standards Committee,
- one of the four county councillors sitting on the Standards Committee,
- one Town/Community Councillor sitting on the Standards Community Sub-Committee

and one lay person who will act as Chair. The Standards Community Sub Committee is requested to nominate a Member of the Sub-Committee to sit on the Appointments Panel.

E. Meeting Dates

To note dates of future meetings as follows:

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Wednesday 2nd October 2019

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