

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**Standards Committee**

**5 June, 2019**

**REPORT BY: Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

**SUBJECT: Standards Issues**

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

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**A. General Standards Issues for County Councillors and Co-opted Members**

**A1 Code of Conduct Training**

Nothing to report.

**A2 Mandatory Training**

Nothing to report.

**B. Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman**

**B1. County Councillor Referrals**

**B1.1** The current position regarding matters with the Ombudsman is as follows:

02/CC/2017 Ombudsman investigating

01/CC/2018 Referred to APW

08/CC/2018 Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate

09/CC/2018 Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate

10/CC/2018 Ombudsman investigating

11/CC/2018 Ombudsman investigating

12/CC/2018 Ombudsman investigating

02/CC/2019 Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate

**C Dispensations**

**C1 Applications - County Councillors**

No applications for dispensation have been received from County Councillors.

**D Late Payment of Expenses**

One claim for late payment of expenses has been received but has been returned to the Councillor as the form was incomplete.

## **E Ombudsman’s Casebook**

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

- October – December 2018

A copy of the 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/>

## **F Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure**

The Committee is asked to consider the draft Whistleblowing policy and procedure attached at **Appendix B**.

## **G The North Wales Standards Committee Forum - 24th June, 2019 10am – 2.00pm - Delyn Committee Room, Flintshire County Council, Mold**

The Chair and Vice Chair are invited to attend the above meeting. The Forum is an opportunity for the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Standards Committees from different authorities to get together along with the hosting Monitoring Officer to discuss issues.

## **H Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **I Meeting dates**

To note dates of future meetings as follows:  
Wednesday 2nd October 2019

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