

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**Standards Community Sub - Committee
12 February 2020**

REPORT BY: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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
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
02/19/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
05/19/TCC	Concluded not investigating
06/19/TCC	Concluded not investigating
07/19/TCC	Concluded not investigating
08/19/TCC	Concluded not investigating
09/19/TCC	Concluded not investigating
10/19/TCC	Concluded not investigating
11/19/TCC	Ombudsman investigating
12/19/TCC	Concluded not investigating

B. Dispensations

B1. Applications - Town and Community Councillors

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

C Independent lay Member on Standards Committee

The term of office of an Independent Member of the Standards Committee, Mrs Claire Jackson, ends on 21 June, 2020. Mrs Jackson will have completed one term of six years. Although she is eligible to be appointed for a further term of four years, she has advised that she does not wish to continue.

The Council agreed the recruitment process at its meeting on 23 January, 2020 and a copy of the report and process is attached Appendix 1.

A press release was published and adverts placed in the County Times and the Brecon and Radnor Express during the week of 3 February, 2020.

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 Committee to sit on the Appointments Panel.

D. Ombudsman's Casebook

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

- April – June 2019
- June – September 2019

A copy of the Casebooks are attached at Appendix 2.

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/>

E. Meeting Dates

To note dates of future meetings as follows:

Wednesday 10 June 2020

Wednesday 7 September 2020

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