#### CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

# Standards Community Sub-Committee 21 January 2022

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:

	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
04/21/TCC	Ombudsman investigating
05/21/TCC	Ombudsman investigating
10/21/TCC	Ombudsman not investigating
11/21/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
12/21/TCC	Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate

#### B. Dispensations

### **B1.** Applications - Town and Community Councillors

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

## C. Term of Office -

The timetable for appointment of Town and Community Council representatives following the election in May is as follows:

Letter to T/CCs requesting nominations	Week commencing 4 April 2022	
Return of nominations	4pm 31 May 2022	
Letter to T/CCs re ballot	Week commencing 6 June 2022	
Return of ballot papers	4pm 29 July 2022	
Letter to T/CCs regarding outcome of ballot	Week commencing 1 August 2022	
Appointment by Standards Committee	9 September 2022	

Training on the Code of Conduct and induction will be provided at the meeting on 9 September 2022.

# D. Independent Review of the Ethical Standards Framework in Wales

The report is attached [Appendix 1].

#### E. Standards Conference Wales

The Wales Standards Conference will take place on 9 February and will be a virtual meeting. Information has been circulated to the Committee.

#### F. Ombudsman's Casebook

The Code of Conduct Casebook January 2021- March 2021 is attached [Appendix 2].

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

# G. Meeting Dates

To note the 2022 meeting dates:

- 9 September 0930hrs Code of Conduct training and induction
- 15 September 1400hrs
- 5 December 1400hrs

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