

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
Standards Committee
12 February 2025

REPORT BY: Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer

SUBJECT: Standards Issues

REPORT FOR: Decision, Information and Discussion

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

Nothing to report.

B. Referral of County Councillors to the Ombudsman Wales

The abbreviations used in the headings are as follows:

MO – Monitoring Officer

OW – Ombudsman Wales

Stds – Standards Committee

APW - Adjudication Panel for Wales

The column titled “Date OW notified MO of complaint” has been deleted as such notifications are no longer received.

Ref	Date OW advised investigating or not investigating	Date OW’s decision	Date considered by Stds	Date considered by APW
03/CC/22	17/04/23 investigating			
02/CC/23	26/02/24 investigating			
03/CC/23	23/04/24 investigating			
02/CC/24	14/08/24 investigating			
03/CC/24	08/11/24 not investigating	---	---	---
04/CC/24	08/11/24 not investigating	---	---	---
05/CC/24	08/11/24 not investigating	---	---	---
06/CC/24	07/12/24 not investigating	---	---	---
07/CC/24	07/12/24 not investigating	---	---	---
08/CC/24	16/01/25 investigating			
09/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
10/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
11/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
12/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
13/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
14/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
15CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
16/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
17/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
18/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---

19/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---
20/CC/24	14/01/25 not investigating	---	---	---

C. Dispensations Applications - County Councillors

There are no requests for dispensations.

D. 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

E. Adjudication Panel for Wales

Details of cases considered by the APW are available via the following link: [Decisions | The Adjudication Panel for Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

F. National Forum for Standards Committees

The last meeting was held on 27 January 2025. The Chair attended and his notes are attached in Appendix 1.

The next meeting is on 23 June 2025.

G. Independent review of investigations by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales [PSOW] into Code of Conduct complaints

The Committee is advised that the PSOW has accepted all the recommendations from the Independent Review and the lessons learned will be used to further strengthen internal policies and practices, recruitment, and training.

H. Meeting Dates

To note the meeting dates for 2025. Meetings to start at 2pm.

9 April – annual meeting with Group Leaders

18 June

13 October

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