

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
16th March 2018

DECISION OF THE ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the report

Reasons:

The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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On the 10th January 2018 the Adjudication Panel for Wales published its findings in the case of former Conwy County Borough Council member Dr Stuart Anderson.

The matter had been referred to the Panel by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in July 2017 as a result of complaints that Dr Anderson had;

1. Made unfounded allegations against council staff
2. Had involved himself in an issue in which he had a prejudicial interest
3. Had widely circulated personal comments about a senior officer
4. Had attempted to compromise the impartiality of an officer
5. Had shared confidential information

The Panel found that Dr Anderson had breached the members code of conduct on 9 separate grounds and disqualified him from office for 18 months.

A copy of the Panel's decision is attached.

The decision, although not setting out in full detail the allegations against Dr Anderson, provides useful guidance on the interpretation of key parts of the Code

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: L Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below
Signed: L Rees-Jones **Head of Administration and Law**

1. **Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** Not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** *Not applicable*

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	DPSC-160	Legal Services, County Hall