

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
3RD DECEMBER 2015**

**ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES-DECISION NOTICE
COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR HAULWEN LEWIS**

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 11th September 2015 the Committee received a report regarding proceedings before the Adjudication Panel for Wales in respect of Councillor Lewis.

On the 13th August 2015 a Case Tribunal of the Adjudication Panel for Wales was convened to consider a reference from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in respect of Councillor Haulwen Lewis of Llanfihangel ar Arth Community Council.

The referral related to an alleged breach of the Members Code of Conduct by Councillor Lewis at a meeting of the community council on the 16th January 2012. It was claimed that Councillor Lewis failed to declare a personal and prejudicial interest when consideration was being given to a planning application for a wind farm on land adjacent to land which she owned and that furthermore she had participated in a secret ballot in relation to the application.

The Case Tribunal unanimously found that Councillor Lewis had by her conduct breached paragraphs 11(1) and 14(1)(a) of the Code.

The Case Tribunal also unanimously decided that Councillor Lewis should be suspended from acting as a member of Llanfihangel ar Arth Community Council for a period of 3 months as from the 13th August 2015.

The full decision of the Adjudication Panel has now been received and is attached to this report.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

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 |
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| 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

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

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-140 | Legal Services, County Hall |
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