

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**16/03/18**

**CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK**

**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 STANDARDS COMMITTEE 16/03/18

## CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK

The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales has published the latest issue of the 'Code of Conduct Casebook' (Issue 15) which sets out summaries of code investigations which have been brought to a conclusion during the preceding quarter.

As the committee will note, of the 5 case summaries published, 4 resulted in no evidence of breach being found and 1 where a breach was found to have occurred but no action was taken against the councillor concerned.

None of these cases related to councillors from Carmarthenshire.

Case 201700102 (Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council) provides useful guidance on an apparent distinction that is being drawn by the Ombudsman between a councillor bringing themselves into disrepute and bringing their office into disrepute

**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 <b>NONE</b>	Legal <b>NONE</b>	Finance <b>NONE</b>	ICT <b>NONE</b>	Risk Management Issues <b>NONE</b>	Staffing Implications <b>NONE</b>	Physical Assets <b>NONE</b>
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# 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