

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19/10/18

OMBUDSMAN'S CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the cases identified in the casebook and identify any points of learning.

Reasons:

This will allow the Committee to familiarise itself with the latest approaches taken by the Ombudsman to different types of code complaints.

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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OMBUDSMAN'S CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK

The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales publishes a Code of Conduct Case Book several times a year in which he gives information regarding Code of Conduct complaints that his office has investigated and the outcomes reached.

This can provide the Committee with useful points of learning not only for how it should approach a code breaches that it determines but also when preparing training sessions.

The latest casebook (published in July 2018) contains details of the following cases:

Council	Relevant Part of Code	Outcome
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Promotion of equality and respect	No evidence of breach
Chepstow Town Council	Disclosure and Registration of Interests	No action necessary
Trellech United Community Council	Objectivity and propriety	No action necessary

None of these cases relate to councillors from Carmarthenshire.

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: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

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

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Linda 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-164	Legal Services, County Hall