

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13/09/19

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
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CODE OF CONDUCT CASEBOOK

The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) publishes the Code of Conduct Casebook to help guide councillors regarding the implementation of the Code. The most recent casebook was published on the 20th May 2019 and is attached. The casebook refers to 2 cases, neither involving councillors from Carmarthenshire.

In both cases evidence was found of a breach of the code, but the Ombudsman determined that no action should be taken.

Given the limited amount of information provided in the casebook about these cases it is difficult to draw any meaningful learning from them.

Note

At the time of writing this report the publication of a decision by the Adjudication Panel for Wales in respect of a hearing scheduled for March 2019 is still awaited. There are 2 further hearings pending before the Adjudication Panel. None of these cases involve Carmarthenshire Councillors. These cases will be reported to the committee as & when the Panel decisions are published.

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: Linda 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

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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-172	Legal Services, County Hall