

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

14/09/20

ADJUDICATION PANEL DECISIONS

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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ADJUDICATION PANEL DECISIONS

The Adjudication Panel for Wales determines the most serious of Code of Conduct cases following referral by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, as well as dealing with appeals against decisions by local Standards Committees.

The Panel has recently published two decisions following hearings in November 2019 and January 2020.

The cases are;

1. Councillor Roderick – Powys County Council and Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

Councillor Roderick was found to have failed to have shown consideration and respect to a female councillor and brought his office into disrepute and also to attempted to used his position improperly to confer an advantage to himself or a disadvantage to another. Councillor Roderick was suspended from both authorities for 4 months.

2. Councillor Shotton – Flintshire County Council

Councillor Shotton was found to have used his position improperly to confer an advantage to another person and to have brought his authority into disrepute by encouraging that person (an employee of the council) to behave inappropriately during office hours. Councillor Shotton was suspended from office for 3 months.

Copies of both decisions are attached to this report

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

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| 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: **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-182 | Legal Services, County Hall |
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