

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
08/03/2022

ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES DECISIONS		
Recommendations / key decisions required: To note recent decisions taken by the Panel		
Reasons: Decisions by the Panel provide useful guidance on the members code of conduct Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA		
Cabinet Decision Required	NA	
Council Decision Required	NA	
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Emlyn Dole - Leader		
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES DECISIONS

The Adjudication Panel For Wales (APW) is an independent body which performs an important dual function in respect of the members code of conduct. As well as determining the more serious allegations of breach referred directly to it by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, the Panel also hears appeals against decisions by local standards committees in disciplinary cases. Since the Standards Committee last met the Panel has published its decisions in the following cases.

Cases Referred directly from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Name: Councillor Perry Morgan

Relevant authority: Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council

Nature of allegation: Breach of paragraphs 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 6(1)(a), and 6(2) of the Council's Code of Conduct.

Name: Councillor William Roy Owen

Relevant authority: Gwynedd Council and Caernarfon Royal Town Council

Nature of allegation: Breach of paragraphs 4(b), 4(c), 6(1)(a), 6(1)(d), 6(2) and 7(a) of the Council's Code of Conduct.

Appeals from decisions of local Standards Committees

Name: Councillor Gareth Baines

Relevant authority: Wrexham County Borough Council

Nature of allegation: Breach of paragraphs 4(b), 4(c) and 7(a) of the Council's Code of Conduct.

Name: Councillor Richard Mainon

Relevant authority: Denbighshire County Council

Nature of allegation: Breach of paragraphs 2(b), 4(c), 6(1)(a) and 7(a) of the Council's Code of Conduct.

A copy of the relevant 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: *LRJones*

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

Signed: *LRJones*

Head of Administration and Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** – not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** - not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** - it is suggested that such consultation take place
4. **Relevant Partners** - not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - not applicable

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

NO

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal Services file	DPSC-193	County Hall, Carmarthen