STANDARDS COMMITTEE

12TH DECEMBER 2022

RECENT ADJUDICATION PANEL DECISIONS

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To note the recent APW decisions and identify any learning points

Reasons:

APW decisions provide useful guidance on the operation of the code and the conduct of disciplinary hearings

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: - Councillor Linda Evans

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 12TH DECEMBER 2022

RECENT ADJUDICATION PANEL DECISIONS

The Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW) deals with the more serious code of conduct breach cases referred directly to it by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) and any appeals made from decisions by local Standards Committees.

Attached are 3 recent decisions by the APW for the committee to consider. These are cases relating to:

- Former Councillor Paul Dowson
- Former Councillor Caryl Vaughan
- Former Councillor Gordon Lewis

The Committee will note that in a	ll 3 cases the individua	al in question was no	longer a serving
councillor but that the APW still in	nposed periods of disc	qualification ranging	from 1-3 years.

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: L. 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

Signed: L Rees-Jones Head of Administration and Law

- 1. Scrutiny Committee None
- 2.Local Member(s) None
- 3.Community / Town Council

All Town and Community Councils have been consulted as outlined in the Executive Summary

- 4.Relevant Partners None
- 5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations None

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER 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 Department File	DPSC-201	County Hall

