

**Standards Committee**  
**09/09/2024**

**RECENT ADJUDICATION PANEL AND OMBUDSMAN DECISIONS**

**Purpose:**

**To note recent Adjudication Panel for Wales and Ombudsman decisions regarding Code of Conduct complaints.**

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

**To note the decisions**

**Reasons:**

These decisions provide points of learning

Cabinet Decision Required                      NO

Council Decision Required                      NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-                      Not applicable

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Recent Adjudication Panel and Ombudsman Decisions

Decisions published by the Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW) and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) regarding code of conduct complaints provide the committee with points of learning which can be considered when implementing the code and providing training to councillors.

The following recent decisions are of interest.

### Adjudication Panel for Wales

Councillor David Metcalfe

### Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Conwy County Borough Council  
Festiniog Town Council  
Monmouthshire county Council

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

# IMPLICATIONS

**ALL IMPLICATIONS REQUIRE SIGN OFF BY THE DIRECTOR OR HEAD OF SERVICE**

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: *SPMurphy*

Head of Law Governance and Civil Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

# CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: *SPMurphy*

Head of Law Governance and Civil Services

**(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)**

<b>1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination</b>	NO
<b>If yes include the following information: -</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Date the report was considered:-</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-</b>	

**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

<b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED</b>	Not applicable
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-226	County Hall, Carmarthen.

