

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**13/06/2022**

**ADJUDICATION PANEL DECISION – COUNCILLOR J BISHOP**

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

To note the decision of the Adjudication Panel and identify any points of learning

**Reasons:**

Decisions of the Adjudication Panel provide helpful guidance on the implementation of the code of conduct and the conduct of disciplinary hearings.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA

Cabinet Decision Required NA

Council Decision Required NA

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Linda Evans

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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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.

In February 2022 the APW considered the case of Councillor Jonathan Bishop of Taff's Well and Nantgarw Community Council. Councillor Bishop was accused of breaching the code in the following ways;

- Using inappropriate language in email correspondence to or regarding a council officer and a fellow councillor
- Submitted false or misleading expenses claims
- Submitted a letter during the proceedings which purported to have come from a third party but had in fact been written by Councillor Bishop himself.

The Panel found all the allegations proven. Having regard to the seriousness of the breaches and the mitigation put forward by Councillor Bishop, the Panel concluded that he should be disqualified from office for 12 months.

**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
<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: *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

**CABINET 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-197	County Hall, Carmarthen