

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

9th September 2024

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – MR C GRIFFITHS

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All

Recent decision of the Adjudication Panel for Wales and Public Service Ombudsman for Wales relating to Members Code of Conduct Breaches

Purpose of the Report

1. To draw to Members attention a recent decision of the Adjudication Panel for Wales as the subject matter of this reports falls within the remit of the Standards Committee.

Background

2. Decisions published by the Adjudication Panel for Wales and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales 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 and Monmouthshire county Council

Financial Impact

3. There are no financial impacts associated with this Report.

Integrated Impact Assessment

4. There is no requirement for an integrated impact assessment

Workforce Impacts

5. There are no workforce impacts associated with this Report

Legal Impacts

6. The ethical framework of Members is as derived from the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members Code of Conduct is as set out in the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (“the Council”) as created by the Conduct of Members (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2001.

Consultation

7. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

8. That Members note the report of the Adjudication Panel for Wales and Public Service Ombudsman for Wales regarding compliance with the Members Code of Conduct.

Appendices

9. Appendix 1 – Decisions of the Adjudication Panel for Wales and Public Service Ombudsman for Wales

List of Background Papers

10. The Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council incorporating the Members Code of Conduct.

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