

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

18 NOVEMBER 2016

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES - D.MICHAEL

MATTER FOR INFORMATION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Code of Conduct Casebook

Purpose of Report

1. To draw to the attention of members of Standards Committee recent decisions reported by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

Background

2. As a supplement to the Annual Letter sent by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales to all local authorities, the Ombudsman now reports on the outcome of complaints submitted to him. Attached to this report in Annex 1 is the Ombudsman's Code of Conduct Casebook issued last month.
3. The Casebook summarises cases where the Ombudsman's officers found no evidence of a breach of the Code and where no action was necessary in which case complaints were not referred to either the local Standards Committee or the Adjudication Panel for Wales. This edition of the Casebook also contains a summary of one case which was referred to the Standards Committee of Pembrokeshire County Council and was subsequently the subject of an appeal to the Adjudication Panel for Wales

Financial Impact

4. There is none as this is an information report.

Equality Impact Assessment

5. None is required since this is an information report.

Workforce Impacts

6. There are none

Legal Impacts

7. None arise from this report

Risk Management

8. This is not relevant

Consultation

9. None is required.

Appendices

10. Annex A – Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Code of Conduct Casebook October 2016.

List of Background Papers

11. None other than that referred to in the report.

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