

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**Standards Community Sub - Committee  
17<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**REPORT BY: Solicitor to the Council**

**SUBJECT: Matters relating to Standards Issues**

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**REPORT FOR: Decision, Information and Discussion**

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**A Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman**

**A1. Town and Community Councillor Referrals**

Two referrals remain outstanding with the Ombudsman:

04/14/TCC Ombudsman is investigating

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**B. Dispensations**

**B1. Applications - Town and Community Councillors**

No applications for dispensation have been received from Town and Community Councillors.

**C Ombudsman's Office**

**C1 New Guidance on Code of Conduct**

The Ombudsman published new Guidance on the Code of Conduct for Members of County Councils in March 2015. A copy of this Guidance is can be accessed from the website of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales at:

<http://www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk/en/publications/Guidance-policies.aspx>

**C2. Ombudsman's Casebook**

The Ombudsman has published Code of Conduct Casebooks for the period March 2014 – March 2015. Copies of the Casebooks can be accessed from the website of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales at:

<http://www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk/en/publications/The-Code-of-Conduct-Casebook.aspx>

**D. The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No 2) Order 2015**

This order brings ss.55, 56, 57 and 58 (Community Councils - access to information) and ss. 68 and 69 (Joint Standards Committees) of the 2013 Act into force in Wales on 1 May 2015. (16 April 2015).

A copy of the Commencement Order is attached at **Appendix A** to the papers of the Standards Committee 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**E. Meeting Dates.**

**E.1.** To note dates of future meetings as follows:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015

All other meetings to commence at 10.00am with the option of training available afterwards.

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