

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNCILLOR GARY PRICE,
A MEMBER OF POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

APPEAL REVIEW HEARING

**POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE
26TH MAY 2017**

1. Having considered a Report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer, together with its enclosures including the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Report, the original determination from the Standards Committee and the Adjudication Panel for Wales Decision Report (all of which can be accessed from the agenda for the Standards Committee meeting of 26th May 2017 at powys.gov.uk) the Standards Committee determined that County Councillor Gary Price be suspended from being a member of Powys County Council for a period of 3 months.
2. The suspension begins on the 27th May 2017 and ends on the 26th August 2017.
3. At this stage in the proceedings there is no right of appeal against the decision of the Standards Committee except to the High Court by way of judicial review.
4. The Standards Committee's endorsed the recommendation of the Tribunal, namely those matters referred to in paragraph 6.3 of the Tribunal's report which may be viewed at:

<http://apw.gov.wales/decision/appeals-decisions/appeal-decision-apr16-mar17/cllr-gary-price/?lang=en>
5. The Standards Committee also noted that due to Councillor Prices' failure to attend or communicate with the Standards Committee during their proceedings on the 2nd November 2016 the Standards Committee had been unable to take into account the mitigation proffered to the APW, in particular:
 - a. That Councillor Price very much regretted the steps he had taken
 - b. That there was some recognition by Councillor Price that his actions had caused upset and that the APW panel had noted his laudable intention to send a written apology to Councillor Williams and Councillor Roberts-Jones
 - c. That Councillor Price had co-operated with the investigation and the APW proceedings
6. The Standards Committee placed significant weight to the letters of apology being a key piece of mitigation and note Councillor Price's intention to send the letters of apology on the conclusion of these proceedings that being the meeting today
7. During Councillor Price's three month suspension he will not be able to take part in any form of business of the Authority. The Member will not have access to the Council's facilities, including emails, buildings and contact with officers, in his role as a member. Furthermore, the Member is unable to undertake any duties on outside bodies to which he has been appointed by the Council (including School Governing Bodies).

Claire Jackson
Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee

Dated 9th June 2017