CYNGOR SIR *POWYS* COUNTY COUNCIL.

Standards Community Sub - Committee
3 October 2018

REPORT BY:	**Solicitor to the Council**
SUBJECT:	**Standards Issues**
REPORT FOR:	**Decision, Information and Discussion**

A Referral of Councillors to Public Services Ombudsman

A1. Town and Community Councillor Referrals

The current position regarding existing matters with the Ombudsman is as follows:

7/17/TCC Ombudsman investigating

5/18/TCC Complaint received – Ombudsman discontinued investigation
6/18/TCC Ombudsman investigating
7/18/TCC Complaint received – Ombudsman not investigating but now subject to review
8/18/TCC Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
9/18/TCC Ombudsman - not investigating
10/18/TCC Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
11/18/TCC Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
12/18/TCC Complaint received – Ombudsman not investigating
13/18/TCC Ombudsman investigating
14/18/TCC Complaint received – Ombudsman discontinued investigation in light of evidence received
15/18/TCC Complaint received – Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
16/18/TCC Complaint received – Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate
17/18/TCC Complaint received – Ombudsman deciding whether or not to investigate

B. Dispensations

B1. Applications - Town and Community Councillors

One application for dispensation has been received from a Councillor from Talgarth Town Council. However the Councillor has subsequently resigned from the Council

C Ombudsman's Casebook

The Ombudsman has published Code of Conduct Casebooks for the following period:

- April – June 2018

A copy of these Casebook is attached at **Appendix A**.

Back copies of the casebooks can be accessed from the website of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales at:

https://www.ombudsman.wales/code-of-conducts/

D Adjudication Panel for Wales Sanctions Guidance

The Adjudication Panel for Wales have published Sanctions Guidance setting out the approach to be taken in case, appeal and interim tribunals by the Adjudication Panel of Wales. This Sanctions Guidance is attached at **Appendix B.**

E. Meeting Dates

The Council diary will be agreed at the Council meeting on 18 October, 2018 after which the dates will be circulated to the Committee.

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