## BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

# 2nd March 2006

## MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT

### REPORT ISSUED BY PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES UNDER PART III OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1974

### 1. <u>PURPOSE OF REPORT</u>

- 1.1 To provide a copy of a report issued by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales under Part III of the Local Government Act 1974 detailing the outcome of an investigation into a complaint against a past Member of the Authority as set out in the attached Appendix.
- 1.2 The complaint to which the report relates was that the former Councillor Jeff Jones contravened the Code of Conduct for Members.

### 2. FINDINGS OF THE OMBUDSMAN

- 2.1 The Ombudsman has found that there is no evidence of any failure by ex Councillor Jones to comply with the Council's code of conduct in relation to Mr. Exton's most serious allegation, namely that relating to the alleged use of abusive language and the making of offensive comments about his disability and:
- 2.2 That no action needs to be taken in respect of the remaining matters investigated.

### 3. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

That the report be noted

P.A. Jolley Monitoring Officer

### **Background Papers**

No papers outside those contained within the report.