

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025
AT 09:30**

Present

S Maughan – Chairperson

Present Virtually

G Walter

P Baker

R Lynch

Apologies for Absence

None.

Officers:

Kelly Watson
Laura Griffiths
Oscar Roberts

Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services
Group Manager – Legal and Democratic Services
Business Administration Apprentice – Democratic Services

Declarations of Interest

None.

**168. Notice Of Decision Of The Adjudication Panel For Wales In Relation To
Councillor Steven Bletsoe**

Decision Made	The Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services presented this report following the recent decision of the Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW) in relation to a complaint against Cllr Steven Bletsoe of Bridgend Town Council in order for the Committee to consider the recommendation by the APW in relation to the
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	<p>sanction to be imposed. The Committee enquired whether an alternative sanction could be sought other than upholding their original decision or following the APW's recommendation, and it was confirmed by the legal officer that they could not. The Members withdrew to deliberate.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> Following the Committee's deliberations, they determined that their original sanction was not unreasonable despite taking into account the findings of the APW. They unanimously agreed to uphold their original sanction of a 6 month suspension. The Committee also noted that they were concerned that individual committee members had been named in the press and on social media following the original hearing and strongly cautioned against a repeat of such comments.</p>
Date Decision Made	6 February 2025

169. Urgent Items

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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 10:31