

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

30 NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER
ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with the Adjudication Panel for Wales Annual Report 2014-15 / 2015-16 (combined).

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 Standards are an implicit requirement in the successful implementation of the Corporate Themes.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW) is an independent tribunal that has been set up to determine alleged breaches against an authority's statutory Code of Conduct by elected and co-opted members of Welsh county, county borough and community councils, fire and national park authorities.

- 3.2 The APW has two statutory functions in relation to breaches of the Code of Conduct:

- To form case or interim case tribunals to consider references from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, following the investigation of allegations that a member has failed to comply with their authority's Code of Conduct; and
- To consider appeals from members against the decisions of local authority standards committees that they have breached the Code of Conduct.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 A Tribunal year runs from April to March. The Annual Report (**Appendix 1**) covers two tribunal years. Summaries of the cases determined by the APW appear within the report.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

- 5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 None.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

8.1 The Committee is recommended to note the report.

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Background Documents

None