

NOTICE OF DECISION

TRIBUNAL REFERENCE NUMBER: APW/0010/2021-022/CT

RESPONDENT: Former Councillor Gordon Lewis

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: Pencoed Town Council

1. A Case Tribunal convened by the President of the Adjudication Panel for Wales has considered a reference in respect of the above Respondent.
2. By letter dated 17 March 2022, the Adjudication Panel for Wales received a referral from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (“the Ombudsman”) in relation to allegations made against former Councillor Gordon Lewis.
2. The Case Tribunal determined its adjudication on the basis of the papers only, at a meeting on 10 June 2022, conducted by means of remote attendance technology.
3. The Case Tribunal found by unanimous decision that the Respondent was subject to the Code of Conduct (“the Code”) of Pencoed Town Council at the relevant time.
4. Paragraph 6(1)(a) of the Code states that a Member must not conduct himself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office or authority into disrepute.
5. The Case Tribunal found that the Respondent had failed to comply with Paragraph 6(1)(a) of the Code, having deliberately or recklessly completed election paperwork which falsely declared that he was eligible to stand for election in 2018, and having continued to act as Member despite being disqualified for being elected.
6. The Case Tribunal concluded by unanimous decision that the Respondent be disqualified for a period of 24 months for being, or becoming a member of Pencoed Town Council or of any other relevant authority within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2000, with effect from the date of this Notice.

7. Pencoed Town Council and its Standards Committee are notified accordingly.
8. The Respondent has the right to seek the leave of the High Court to appeal this decision.
9. The full decision report will be published on the APW website in due course.

Signed *C Jones*

Date 10 June 2022

C Jones Chairperson of the Case Tribunal

S McRobie Panel Member

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