

ATODIAD / ENCLOSURE
F

Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn / Isle of Anglesey

Committee	Standards Committee
Date of Meeting	11 June 2014
Title of Report	Findings of the Adjudication Panel for Wales 12th March 2014 to 10th June 2014
Report By	Corporate Governance Solicitor
Purpose of Report	To provide information on the issues dealt with by the Adjudication Panel for Wales

1.0 Introduction & Background

The Adjudication Panel for Wales came into being as a result of the Local Government Act 2000 and has two statutory functions:-

- To form case or interim case tribunals to consider reports from the Ombudsman 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

This report covers decisions made by the Adjudication Panel between the 12th March 2014 and the 10th June 2014 and is intended as a factual summary of the issues that come before the Adjudication Panel. It will not replace the report that is presented to the Committee when a complaint relating to Anglesey County Council has been before the Adjudication Panel.

2.0 Decisions made between 12.03.2014 and the date of this report

21/02/2014 – Llandrindod Wells Town Council - APW/001/2013-014/CT

See Table below which provides a summary of the issues dealt with and the results of the above cases.

Name	Summary	Relevant provisions of Code	Decision Summary	Findings
Cllr Nathan Casey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuing a code of conduct towards the complainant which would amount to harassment including conducting a survey which would mislead the public and damage the complainant's reputation. It was indicated in a Facebook message to the complainant that the purpose of the survey was "to stop you becoming a member of the board of governors of a Powys primary school"; Sending emails and posting Facebook messages that were disrespectful and distressing to the complainant; Not reporting what he believed to be a breach of the code of conduct to the Ombudsman and not engaging in the investigation process; No oral submissions were made to the Case Tribunal as Cllr Casey did not show up, and the case was decided on the basis of written representations. 	Breach of para 4(b), 4(c), 6(1) (c) and 6(2) of the code of conduct.	Disqualified for 3 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Casey had ignored information and advice from the MO and Police and had persisted in undertaking a survey which presented partial and misleading information about a fellow councillor which was likely to cause immense reputational damage and considerable distress. Had sent a series of e-mails and posted a comment on Cllr Turners Facebook page which were intimidating and likely to humiliate the recipient. Cllr Casey had explicitly refused to answer questions or cooperate with the Ombudsman's investigation.