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Dear Sirs

RE: Standards Committee Isle of Anglesey County Council

During a meeting of the Standards Committee (Anglesey) it was agreed that it would be beneficial to all standards committees across Wales if the Ombudsman could assist in providing guidance on how to decide what sanctions to provide to Councillors in breach of the Code of Conduct. In particular, the Standards Committee was of the opinion that the Ombudsman could assist by providing the following documents:

1. Comprehensive guidance on factors to be considered by the Standards Committees in deciding what sanction to issue, (to include case-studies and examples). The Adjudication Panel for Wales has issued sanctions guidance on its website setting out factors they will consider in deciding what sanctions to issue, and the standards committee feels that something set out in the same format would be helpful.
2. Copy to be provided on the Ombudsman's website setting out reported Standards Committee decisions across Wales relating to code of conduct issues. Currently, this is not available anywhere and would be of significant assistance to Standards Committees across Wales.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Michael Wilson
Chairman of the Standards Committee