

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Ethics and Standards Committee

DATE: 17 January 2022

LOCATION: Remotely via video-conference

TITLE: Update on Adjudication Panel for Wales matters

PURPOSE OF REPORT: For information

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. An Appeal Tribunal convened by the President of the Adjudication Panel for Wales has considered an appeal by Cllr Gareth Baines against the decision of the Wrexham County Borough Council's Standards Committee on 22nd June 2021 that he had breached the Chirk Town Council's code of conduct and the following sanction be imposed:

1.1 That the Appellant be suspended as a community Councillor from Chirk Town Council for a period of three months.

1.2 That the Appellant should undertake Code of Conduct training at the earliest convenience.

1.3 That the Appellant should send a letter a written apology for the breaches to the Complainant and to the Chair of Chirk Town Council.

See below the link to the Appeal against sanction decision:-

<https://adjudicationpanel.gov.wales/apw0032021-022at-councillor-gareth-baines>

<https://adjudicationpanel.gov.wales/sites/adjudicationpanel/files/2021-12/apw-decision-gareth-baines-12-2021.pdf>

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION (S):

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed?
Not required
If, not, please state why
Summary:
Long term:
Integration:
Collaboration:
Involvement:
Prevention:

To note the contents of the report.

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Acronyms: