

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Ethics and Standards Committee

Date of meeting: 16 October 2022

Location: Hybrid

Title: Code of Conduct matters

Purpose of the report: For information

Press Articles

See below links to press articles regarding the following Code of Conduct matters:-

Cllr Paul Dowson- Pembrokeshire County Council:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-62651631>

Councillor Jon Scriven, Caerphilly CBC: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-62643919>

Monitoring Officer Update-Q1& 2 (May-September 2022)

Trends:

- lack of respect/consideration
- swearing
- inappropriate use of social media
- confidentiality
- failing to return Declaration Register
- equality/discrimination
- bringing authority into disrepute
- failure to uphold law
- threatening comments
- failure to declare interests
- using position tonadvantage

Councillors:

Advice-Interests and conduct

Advice-Conduct

Formal advice x 5

Group Leaders:

- advice
- training
- sharing recent decisions

- including in communication with Councillors in their group
- quarterly meetings

PSOW:

Breach:

4(b)- Former councillor-no action

7(a)- not to investigate

Town & Community Councils

Advice given to clerk

Advice given to Councillor: 4(b)

Trends:

- Poor culture
- lack of respect and consideration towards Clerk
- lack of respect and consideration towards other councillors
- lack of respect and consideration towards officers
- inability to work together
- using position to gain advantage
- inappropriate use of social media/press

APW-decision: following MO referral

Recommendation(s): To note the content of the report

Reasons for decision: For information

Appendices: none

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Date: 29/9/22