

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Ethics and Standards Committee

DATE: 13 October 2022

LOCATION: Hybrid

TITLE: Ombudsman Annual Letter 2021/22

PURPOSE OF REPORT: For information

Background

The Annual letter (2021/22) for Ceredigion County Council which deals with complaints relating to maladministration and service failure, complaints relating to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct for Councillors and the actions being taken to improve public services was received by the Council in August 2022. This was the first annual letter from the new Public Services Ombudsman since taking up her role in April 2022.

The following is highlighted from the Annual Letter 2021/22: -

Complaints relating to the Code of Conduct for Councillors

We also received a high number of Code of Conduct complaints last year, relating to both Principal Councils and Town and Community Councils.

A record number (20) were referred to either the Adjudication Panel for Wales or local standards committees, due to evidence of a breach of the Code.”

“In light of the new duties on political leaders and standards committees to promote and maintain high standards of conduct of their members, we look forward to working with you, your Monitoring Officer and standards committees to share any learning from the complaints we receive and to support your authority’s work.”

And:

Appendix E - Code of Conduct Complaints

County/County Borough Councils	Discontinued	No evidence of breach	No action necessary	Refer to Adjudication Panel	Refer to Standards Committee	Withdrawn	Total
Ceredigion County Council	2	2	0	0	0	0	4

Appendix F - Town/Community Council Code of Complaints

Town/Community Council	Discontinued	No evidence of breach	No action necessary	Refer to Adjudication Panel	Refer to Standards Committee	Withdrawn	Total
Llanfair Clydogau Community Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Llangoedmor Community Council	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Llansantffraed Community Council	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
New Quay Town Council	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Trefeurig Community Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed?

**Not required
If, not, please state why**

Summary:

Long term:

Integration:

Collaboration:

Involvement:

Prevention:

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To note the contents of the report.

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Acronyms:

