



RHONDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

18 SEPTEMBER 2018

**PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES – SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS
AGAINST MEMBERS – 1ST APRIL 2017 – 31ST MARCH 2018**

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with a summary of complaints made against Members and submitted to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (the 'Ombudsman') for the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report.

3. BACKGROUND AND DETAILS OF COMPLAINTS

- 3.1 Members will note below the summary of anonymised complaints made against Members and submitted to the Ombudsman for the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018.

Date Complaint Received	Complaint Re; County Borough or Community/Town Councillor	Nature of Complaint	Ombudsman Investigation Yes/No
27/4/17	Community/Town Councillor	Bullying other Community Council Members	No
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27/4/17	Community/Town Councillor	Bullying other Community Council Members	No - Complaint Withdrawn
30/5/17	County Borough Councillor	Code of Conduct complaint - (Comments made on Social media)	No

Date Complaint Received	Complaint Re; County Borough or Community/Town Councillor	Nature of Complaint	Ombudsman Investigation Y/N
3/7/17	Community/Town Councillor	Bringing office into disrepute; Bullying (Cllr contact with Clerk led to Clerk being off work with stress)	No
20/7/17	County Borough Councillor	Failure to show respect and consideration for others – exchange of emails in respect of voting/elections	No (however apology given to complainant)
29/01/18	Community/Town Councillor	Failure to show respect and consideration for others – comments made in respect of the use of electronic devices during Council meetings	No
12/2/18	Community/Town Councillor	Bullying and harassment of individuals and complainants family – disclosing private information on social media/website	No

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 There are no consultation implications arising from this report.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers: Freestanding matter

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