



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF**

### **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**27 NOVEMBER 2020**

#### **ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES – PRESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE**

#### **REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

##### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To allow Members to consider the Presidential Guidance which has been updated and issued by the President of the Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW).

##### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to note the updated Presidential Guidance issued by the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

##### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The ethical framework set under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 included the establishment of the Adjudication Panel for Wales (APW) as an independent, judicial body with powers to form tribunals to deal with alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct. The operation of the Panel is governed by Regulations issued by the Welsh Government.
- 3.2 The Adjudication Panel for Wales has issued updated Presidential Guidance on:  
(i) The Role of the Monitoring Officer (**Appendix A**);  
(ii) Anonymity (**Appendix B**); and  
(iii) Disclosure of evidence (**Appendix C**),  
within APW proceedings ('the APW Guidance').
- 3.3 The Guidance is not legally binding and is provided to assist monitoring officers, the parties, relevant authorities and their members, and the wider public to understand their role within Adjudication Panel for Wales ("APW") proceedings.

3.4 Although the APW Guidance does not apply to proceedings before the Committee's Hearings Panel, the Committee may nevertheless find it helpful to consider the general principles it sets out.

**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 AND RESOURCE 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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