

**PANEL DYFARNU CYMRU
ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES**

NOTICE OF DECISION

TRIBUNAL REFERENCE NUMBER: APW/013/2022/023/CT

RESPONDENT: Former Councillor Karen Laurie-Parry

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: Powys County Council

1. A Case Tribunal convened by the President of the Adjudication Panel for Wales has considered a reference in respect of the above Respondent.
2. The Adjudication Panel for Wales received a referral from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to allegations made against Former Councillor Laurie-Parry. She was informed on 28 February 2023. The allegations were that she had breached Powys County Council's Code of Conduct by repeatedly emailing officers, councillors and others to express concerns and make serious allegations about the conduct of certain Council officers, despite presenting no evidence to substantiate such matters and having been advised against doing so and/or pursuing a course of conduct which was perceived to have been in breach of the Code of Conduct. She thereby demonstrated a failure to show respect, made complaints which became vexatious and embarked upon a course of conduct which constituted bullying and harassment. By doing so, she brought her office into disrepute. She also breached confidentiality in respect of certain information which ought not to have been shared and/or disseminated to the people with whom she had shared it.
3. The Case Tribunal determined its adjudication by way of written representations at a meeting on 6 July 2023 which was held by way of remote video-conferencing. The Case Tribunal unanimously found that the Councillor had acted in breach of the Code as set out in paragraph 2 above.
4. The Case Tribunal concluded by unanimous decision that the former Councillor Laurie-Parry should be disqualified from acting as a councillor for any authority for a period of 18 months in respect of all matters concurrently.
5. The Authority and its Standards Committee are notified accordingly.
6. The Respondent has the right to seek the leave of the High Court to appeal the above decision.
7. The Case Tribunal made no recommendations to the Authority.



Signed..... Date...7 July 2023.....

Mr J Livesey
Chairperson of the Case Tribunal

Dr G Jones
Panel Member

Ms S Hurds
Panel Member