

Committee :	Standards Committee
Date :	12 October 2009
Title :	Allegations made against councillors
Author :	Monitoring Officer
Action :	For information

Background

1. The purpose of this report is to inform members of developments, since my previous report, regarding allegations against councillors.

Decisions

2. **Cllr. William A Pritchard, Barmouth Town Council** - Members will recall that the Ombudsman referred this case to the Adjudication Panel for Wales. The hearing was held on 26th June 2009 and the Case Tribunal decided that the councillor should be disqualified for 12 months from being or becoming a member of Barmouth Town Council or any other 'relevant authority'. A copy of the Tribunal's full, reasoned decision is attached.

3. We are not aware of any complaints that the Ombudsman has rejected.

Outstanding Allegations

4. We are aware of two cases where the Ombudsman is yet to decide whether or not to investigate the complaint, and another where he has now decided to investigate (case references 200802179, 200802180 & 200900808)

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to note this report for information.