

Committee:	The Standards Committee
Date:	14 February 2022
Title:	Allegations against members
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Purpose:	For information

1. Background

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the Ombudsman's decisions on formal complaints against members.

2. Decisions

We have received the following decisions from the Ombudsman since the last report.

Complaint	Decision
Complaint No. 202002215 & 202002555	<p>Following an investigation, the Ombudsman referred complaints against Councillor Roy Owen to the Adjudication Panel for Wales.</p> <p>A Tribunal decided that he should be suspended from membership of Gwynedd Council and the Caernarfon Royal Town Council for a period of 9 months or, if less, until the end of his term of office.</p> <p>The full decision of the Panel can be found on its website (www.adjudicationpanel.gov.wales) or by following the following link</p> <p>Decisions The Adjudication Panel for Wales (gov.wales)</p>
Complaint No. 201906873	<p>Following an investigation, the Ombudsman referred complaints against Councillor Mike Stevens, Tywyn Town Council to the Standards Committee.</p> <p>The Committee decided that the member should be censured. This was the maximum sanction available to the Committee following the resignation of the member</p>

	from the Town Council. Further details are contained in a separate report to the Committee.
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3. Analysis of the Complaints

Below is an analysis of this year's complaints (2021/22) where a decision has been received:

Member who is subject of the complaint	
Member of community council	5
Member of Gwynedd Council	1
Member of Gwynedd Council and community council	
Nature of the complainant	
Councillor	3
Member of the public	3
Officer	1
Nature of the allegation	
General conduct	7
Declaration of Interest	
Conduct & Declaration of Interest	
Outcome	
No Investigation	4
Investigation – No evidence of breaching the Code of Conduct	0
Investigation - No further steps required	1
Investigation – Referral to Standards Committee	1
Investigation – Referral to Adjudication Panel for Wales	1

4. Open Cases

4.1 The situation in relation to other cases is as follows:

- **Ombudsman considering whether to investigate** **1**
- **Ombudsman investigating** **2**
- **Referred to Standards Committee** **0**
- **Referred to Adjudication Panel for Wales** **0**

5. Recommendation

5.1 The Committee is asked to note the information.