



NOTICE OF DECISION

TRIBUNAL REFERENCE NUMBER: APW/002/2024-025/AT

APPELLANT: Councillor Ian Perry

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

1. An Appeal Tribunal convened by the President of the Adjudication Panel for Wales ('APW') has considered an appeal by the Appellant against the decision of The Vale of Glamorgan's Standards Committee ('the Standards Committee') of 22 November 2022 that he had breached paragraphs 4(c), 4(b) and 6(1)(a) of the Code of Conduct for Members ('the Code'), and that the Appellant be suspended for a period of two months from being a member of the Relevant Authority and be required to attend Code training with the Monitoring Officer. The Standards Committee's decision arose from allegations contained in a report of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales ('PSOW').

2. The findings of the Standards Committee as to breach of the Code were that the Appellant had; -

2.1 failed to comply with paragraph 4(c) of the Code; '*you must not use bullying behaviour or harass any person*', in relation to the sending of an email of the 5 July 2021 to the Locum Clerk

2.2 failed to comply with paragraph 4(b) of the Code of Conduct; '*you must show respect and consideration for others*', in email correspondence with a former Councillor.

2.3 failed to comply with paragraph 6(1)(a) of the Code of Conduct; *'you must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority into disrepute'* in respect of actions in relation to requests for information from Council Members which, in the Standard Committee's view, demonstrated a lack of respect and transparency.

3. By decision of the President of the APW dated 6 January 2025, the appeal had been allowed to proceed on certain grounds in relation to the Standards Committee's decision, both in relation to its findings of breach of the Code and the Sanction imposed by the Standards Committee.

4. At a hearing conducted on 6 June 2025, by means of remote attendance technology, and based on the available evidence, the Appeal Tribunal found by unanimous decision, that the Appellant had not failed to comply with paragraphs 4(c), 4(b) or 6(1)(a) of the Relevant Authority's Code as set out in the Standards Committee's findings.

5. In accordance with Regulation 12(1)(b) of the Local Government Investigations (Functions of Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees)(Wales) Regulations 2001, the Appeal Tribunal accordingly decided by unanimous decision to overturn the determination of the Standards Committee that the Appellant had breached paragraphs 4(c), 4(b) and 6(1)(a) of the Code.

7. The Relevant Authority, being St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, and the Standards Committee of the Vale of Glamorgan Council are notified accordingly.

5. The Reasoned Decision Report will be sent to the parties and published on the APW website in due course.

Signed.....  Date 6 June 2025

Chairperson of the Appeal Tribunal: Ms C Jones

Appeal Tribunal Member: Mr H E Jones

Appeal Tribunal Member: Ms S Hurds

