

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Allegations against members</b>
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<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>For information</b>

## 1. Background

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

## 2. Decisions

### Complaint 7294/201806883

Complaint by a member of a community council that a fellow member had:

- Compromised the impartiality of the Clerk of the council, and had conducted a bullying campaign against him with the assistance of the Clerk
- Failed to declare a prejudicial interest and predetermined the outcome of the Council's Personnel Committee meeting, where a complaint made against the Clerk by the complainant was considered

The Ombudsman decided not to investigate the complaint for the following reasons:

- No evidence submitted to support the complainant's version of events of a campaign of bullying
- No evidence submitted of a connection between the member and the clerk (other than the relationship that all members have)

## 3. Analysis of the Complaints

Below is an analysis of the nature of this year's complaints to date:

<b>Member who is subject of the complaint</b>	
Member of community council	9
Member of Gwynedd Council	3
Member of Gwynedd Council and community council	0
<b>Nature of the complainant</b>	
Councillor	4
Member of the public	7

Officer	1
<b>Nature of the allegation</b>	
Overall conduct	4
Declaration of Interest	7
Overall conduct & Declaration of Interest	1
<b>Outcome</b>	
No Investigation	11
Investigation – No evidence of breaching the Code of Conduct	0
Investigation – Evidence of breaching the code but no further steps required	1
Investigation - referral to the Standards Committee	0
Investigation - Referral to the Adjudication Panel for Wales	0

#### 4. Open Cases

The situation in relation to other cases is as follows:

- **Ombudsman considering an investigation 2**
- **Ombudsman investigating 0**

#### 5. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the information.