Committee :	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Date:	23 January 2017
Title	Allegations against members
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Action:	For Information

1. Background

The purpose of this report is to present information to the Committee regarding formal complaints made against members. The report is based on information received from the Ombudsman and the case references are his.

2. Complaint

2.1 Case 201600999

Date Received: 23/05/16

Complaint

Complaint that a town councillor had failed to declare a prejudicial interest on several occasions and had taken part in meetings.

Decision

Following an investigation, the Ombudsman decided that the councillor's conduct could be a breach of the Code, but that there was no public interest in referring the matter to the Standards Committee or the Adjudication Panel for Wales, bearing in mind that the councillor had since resigned from the council.

2.2 Case 201603417

Date Received: 12/09/16

Complaint

Complaint that a county councillor had failed to declare a prejudicial interest in a matter before a committee for a decision.

Decision

No investigation. Complainant had not submiited sufficient evidence to support his complaint.

2.4 Case 11870/201603781

Date Received: **26/9/16**

Complaint

That a county council member of the Planning Committee had not behaved with probity and impartiality when deciding upon an application.

Decision

No investigation. The complainant had not presented any evidence to support his complaint.

2.3 Case 11870/201603780

Date Received: **26/9/16**

Complaint

That a county council member had behaved inappropriately in supporting a planning application in his constituencyat a meeting of the Planning Committee

Decision

No investigation. The councillor was not a member of the committee and he had declared an interest that was non-prejudicial. He was entitled to speak and to express his views on the application as a local member.

3. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the information.