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| To Welsh Standards Committee Chairs | <p style="text-align: right;">Middle Aston Pentre Montgomery Powys SY15 6TA</p> <p>E-mail pandn@middleton.com Phone/fax 01588 638246</p> |
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Dear Chair

Code of Conduct Complaints

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter sent to the Assembly Members for Powys and the List Members for Mid and West Wales. The Powys Standards Committee feel strongly that there is an ongoing problem with the Ombudsman declining to refer matters to the Standards Committee when he has found a breach has occurred, on the grounds that the Standards Committee would not impose a sanction. The Standards Committee would wish to have an opportunity to consider cases where a breach has been found. It may be the case that the decision is to censure the Member. The Standards Committee consider censure is a sanction whereas the Ombudsman appears not to consider it as a sanction.

The Standards Committee would welcome your views on the matters raised in the letter.

Yours faithfully

Peter Swanson

Chairman – Powys County Council Standards Committee