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Dear Peredur

Jonathan Bishop v Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

As members of the Committee are aware, a former councillor has applied to the High Court for permission to appeal a decision of the Adjudication Panel for Wales to disqualify them from being a member of a local authority in Wales for 12 months. The Appellant has recently been granted legal aid and has applied to amend the grounds of appeal. The Court has recently issued directions setting a timetable for the Appellant to provide details of the amendment they are seeking permission to make. The PSOW will have an opportunity to respond to the application in August. The Court will then decide whether to allow any amendment to the existing grounds of appeal for which permission to appeal is sought. In view of this, it is unlikely that the Court will make a decision on whether to grant permission to appeal the APW's decision until the autumn, if not later. We will update you further in due course.

Yours sincerely

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