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Peredur Owen Griffiths  
Chair, Finance Committee

**By email only**  
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Dear Peredur

I am writing to update the Committee on the case involving a former councillor who 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 in March 2022.

The Appellant's application for permission to appeal was considered by a High Court Judge (Linden J.) on the papers on the 14th June 2024 and refused. An appellant who is refused permission on paper may apply to have their application for permission to appeal reconsidered at an oral hearing. An oral hearing was held on the 13th November 2024 and permission to appeal was refused by a different High Court Judge (Kerr J.).

The 28 day time period for seeking permission to appeal the decision from the Court of Appeal has expired and we have not been notified of any such application having been made.

Yours sincerely

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Public Services Ombudsman



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