

PANEL DYFARNU CYMRU ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES

NOTICE OF DECISION

TRIBUNAL REFERENCE NUMBER: APW/001/2025-026/CT

RESPONDENT: Former Councillor Iwan Huws

RELEVANT AUTHORITY: Gwynedd County Council

1. A Case Tribunal convened by the President of the Adjudication Panel for Wales has considered a reference in respect of the above Respondent.

- 2. The Adjudication Panel for Wales received a referral from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to allegations made against Former Councillor Huws that he had breached the Gwynedd County Council Code of Conduct by accepting a Conditional Caution for the offence of "Fraud by misuse of office" in an attempt to defraud his employer by the misuse of money. It was considered reasonable that a conditional caution and the Member's misconduct brought his office and his County Council into disrepute.
- 3. The Case Tribunal determined its adjudication by way of written evidence and representations at a meeting on 17 December 2025 which was held by way of remote video-conferencing. The Case Tribunal unanimously found that the Councillor had acted in breach of the Code as set out in paragraph 2 above.
- 4. The Case Tribunal concluded by unanimous decision that the former Councillor should be disqualified from acting as a member for any relevant authority, as defined by section 49(6) of the Local Government Act 2000, for a period of 3 years.
- 5. The Authority and its Standards Committee are notified accordingly.
- 6. The Respondent has the right to seek the leave of the High Court to appeal the above decision.
- 7. The Case Tribunal made no recommendations to the Authority.

Signed Meleri Tudur Date17 December 2025
Judge Meleri Tudur President of the Adjudication Panel for Wales and Chair of the Case Tribuna
Dr G Jones Panel Member
Mrs S McRobie Panel Member