Assembly Commission Staff Elected to County Council

Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for Wales

Cynulliad



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Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received 3 November in which you asked:

- 1. How many Assembly Commission staff are currently elected to a local authority/Council or County Council. If so, are these staff elected as Independents or as a member of a Political Party.
- 2. Did any Assembly Commission staff seek permission to stand as a candidate at the last local authority/council or County Council elections? If so, how many were denied and for what reasons; how many were given permission; and can you detail in each instance whether they were intending to stand as an Independent or member of a Political Party.
- 3. Where there any Assembly Commission staff elected to a local authority/Council in the previous local authority/council term. If so, were they an Independent or member of a Political Party.

The Assembly Commission <u>Staff Code of Conduct</u> clearly sets out the rules around participation in political activities, specifically section 4. However, we hold no recorded information relating to your request.

Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information. The code is published on our website at http://www.assemblywales.org/abthome/about_us-commission_assembly_administration/abt-foi/abt-foi-cop-pub.htm
If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you believe that I have not applied the Code correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, you may make a formal complaint to the Chief Executive and Clerk at the National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay. Details of the Assembly's complaints principles are set out in the Code of Practice on Complaints available on the Internet at

http://www.assembly.wales/en/help/contact-the-assembly/concomplaint/Pages/con-complaint-procedure.aspx. Please advise me if you wish to receive a printed copy.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF