



MEMBER CONDUCT PANEL

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To: Councillors Hamilton, Murphy, Tassell and Ball (Parish Member) (For attention)

All other members of the Council
(For information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Member Conduct Panel to be held in Committee Room 1 - Council Offices on Friday, 12th July 2019 at 1.30 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

4th July 2019

DECISION NOTICE

4. DETERMINATION OF COMPLAINTS OF A BREACH OF THE
MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT OF QUORN PARISH COUNCIL
BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BROWN

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The Panel is asked to determine complaints of potential breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct of Quorn Parish Council (the Parish Council). A report of the Monitoring Officer setting out details of the complaints and the pre-hearing process is attached.

This report includes an exempt Annex C, circulated to members. If it is necessary for reference to be made to information contained within the annex, members of

the public will be excluded for that part of the meeting on the grounds that it will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BREACH OF QUORN PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BROWN

At a hearing in July 2019 a panel of Charnwood Borough Council's Member Conduct Committee found that Quorn Parish Councillor Andrew Brown made a statement about the Parish Clerk at a public meeting of the Parish Council on 6th November 2018 which breached two sections of the Members Code of Conduct relating to requirements to treat people with respect.

The panel recommended that Quorn Parish Council should request that Councillor Brown apologises to the Clerk, and that the apology should be witnessed by the Parish Council's Chair.

The panel also recommended that the Parish Council should ensure that a number of independent recommendations that have already been made to strengthen their governance arrangements are implemented, including making conduct training for all their councillors mandatory, and that a further independent review should be undertaken before the end of the year to assess whether governance at the Parish Council has improved.

Councillor Brown has a right of appeal against the panel's decision.

Adrian Ward
Monitoring Officer
Charnwood Borough Council