

MEMBER CONDUCT COMMITTEE - MONDAY, 5 JUNE 2023

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Part A

UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Purpose of Report

To provide the Committee with an update on the complaints about breaches of the Code of Conduct that have been received and any issues arising from those complaints.

Recommendation

That the current position in respect of complaints about breaches of the Code of Conduct that have been received be noted.

Reason

To keep the Committee informed about complaints

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The functions and responsibilities of the Committee set out in the Council's Constitution include determining any complaints that members of the Borough Council or the parish and town councils in the Borough have breached the Code of Conduct. The initial stages of the complaints process are dealt with by the Monitoring Officer and the purpose of this report is to keep the Committee informed of the volume and nature of complaints that are received.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

It is recommended that the Committee receives reports at each meeting about the complaints that have been received.

Report Implications

Financial Implications

None.

Risk Management

No risks have been identified with this decision

Equality and Diversity

None identified.

Climate Change and Carbon Impact

None identified.

Crime and Disorder

None identified.

Wards Affected

None.

Publicity Arrangements

None.

Consultations

Not applicable.

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Caring for the Environment	No
Healthy Communities	No
A Thriving Economy	No
Your Council	No

Background Papers: None

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Part B

Summary of Complaints received to 30th April 2023

1. Since the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th November 2022 there have been no new complaints received.
2. For comparative information, the following table summarises complaints received in previous years (including complaints about both Borough and Parish/Town Councils)

Year	Total Complaints
2012/13 (9 months)	10
2013/14	6
2014/15	21
2015/16	14
2016/17	7
2017/18	10
2018/19	13
2019/20	9
2020/21	7
2021/22	6
2022/23	4

Appendices

Appendix A – List of complaints & actions

Appendix B – Fact Finding Summaries published since the last meeting

APPENDIX A – Details of Complaints received in 2022-2023

Type of councillor	Number of complaints	Outcome	Issues raised in complaint	Reason for no further action	Description of other action	Outcome of investigation
Borough	3	No breach of the Code of Conduct identified	Conflict of interest in relation to an HMO property.			Hearing determined that there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct.
		No breach of the Code of Conduct identified	Failing to disclose being a councillor in non-council related communications.			
		No breach of the Code of Conduct Identified	Inappropriate comment posted on social media site.			
Parish / Town	1	No breach of the Code of Conduct identified	Bullying and intimidating behaviour while chairing a meeting.			