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## LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS – ANNUAL SUMMARY 2017/18

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Standards Committee receives an annual summary of local investigations and determinations. A summary of matters dealt with between April 2017 and March 2018 is appended.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the annual summary of local investigations and determinations for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be received.



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### Background Papers:

None.

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ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
STANDARDS COMPLAINTS

April 2017 – March 2018

No.	Complaint Reference	Date of Complaint and Complainant	Complaint Against District/Parish Councillor	Relevant Section of the Code	Details	Outcome
1	SC0046/17	7 June 2017 Parish Councillor	Parish Councillor	Section 3(3)(b)	Complainant alleges that they are being discriminated against and bullied and harassed by other Cllrs.	No breach of the Members Code of Conduct. No words spoken or written go beyond that of debate to be expected within a political environment.
2	SC0047/17	28 June 2017 Resident	District and Parish Councillor	3 (1) You must treat others with respect 3 (3)(b) You must not bully any person  3(3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably	Use of Social Media. Complaint made regarding comments made on a social media thread.	Matter referred to Standards Committee.  Committee found that there was breach in the capacity as a Parish Councillor under 3(4)(b) of the Parish code.  Member is to undertake Code of Conduct training within 3 months of the

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				regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute		date of the decision.  Member has completed training.
3	SC0048/17	15 August 2017 Resident	Parish Councillor (subject is also a District Councillor but complaint regarding parish business)	3 (1) You must treat others with respect	Complainant alleges that the Councillor comments and behaviour at parish meeting is disrespectful.	Matter closed due to lack of information and evidence to support allegations.
4	SC0049/17	21 August 2017 – supplementary papers received later in post on 27 August 2017 Parish Councillor	Parish Councillor	3 (1) You must treat others with respect 3 (3)(b) You must not bully any person	Complainant alleges Councillor behaviour is of a bullying and harassing nature	Matter closed due to confusing and lack of information provided to support allegations.
5	SC0049/17	30 April 2018 resident	District Councillor	3 (1) You must treat others with respect	Complainant alleges Councillor behaviour is disrespectful and in breach of Purdah	Matter closed as no finding of breach due to robust political debate during Purdah. Purdah not breached