
LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS – APRIL 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 2021 AND OCTOBER 2021 TO MARCH 2022

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Standards Committee receives a summary of complaints and queries received in relation to Members' behaviour under the Code of Conduct.

2 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Committee on 26 June 2018 resolved that a twice-yearly report be made to the Committee detailing all complaints and queries that had been received by the Monitoring Officer, including those that were progressed to formal investigation and those that had been reported but resolved informally or where advice had been given to the complainant.
- 2.2 The Chairman and Committee Members had agreed to receive the previous report for the period April 2021 and September 2021 informally given that there were no other items of business to be conducted. Members were provided an opportunity to comment on the summary of complaints but none were received in the office.
- 2.3 A summary of the matters received formally and informally between April 2021 and March 2022 is appended.

3 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out as no decision is being made.

4 RECOMMENDATION

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

That the summary of complaints and determinations for the period April 2021 to March 2022 be received.



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Background Papers:-

None

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**ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
STANDARDS COMPLAINTS AND QUERIES**

April 2021 – March 2022

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No.	Complaint Reference	Date of Complaint and Complainant	Complaint Against District/Parish Councillor	Relevant Section of the Code	Details	Outcome
1	SC0083	25.02.21	District Councillor	3. General obligations (1) You must treat others with respect. (3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute. 4. Confidential information	Allegations of breach of confidentiality, disrespect and bringing council into disrepute following comments made on social media.	No further action due to no breach of the Code being identified.
2	SC0084	26.02.21	District Councillor	3. General obligations	Allegations of disrespect and bringing council into disrepute following comments made on social media.	No further action due to no breach of the Code being identified.

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				<p>(1) You must treat others with respect.</p> <p>(3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute.</p>		
3	SC0085	23.02.21	District Councillor	<p>3. General obligations</p> <p>(2) You must uphold the law</p> <p>(3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute.</p> <p>5. Conferring an advantage or disadvantage</p>	Allegations following comments made on social media and at a Council meeting.	No further action due to no breach of the Code being identified.

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				You must (a) not use or attempt to use your position as a Member improperly to confer on or secure for yourself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage		
4	SC0086	22.06.21	Parish Councillor	3. General obligations (1) You must treat others with respect.	Complaint against councillor for bullying behaviour	Complaint does not, on the balance of probabilities, breach the Code and therefore, does not warrant any further action.
5	SC0087	28.06.21	District Councillor	3. General obligations (1) You must treat others with respect.	Complaint against a councillor for their views on Social Media	No breach under Code as views expressed were personal and not within the Council's remit

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				(3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably		
				regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute.		
6	SC0088	25.08.21	District Council	3. General obligations (1) You must treat others with respect.	Complaint about the Members behaviour and manner.	Complaint does not, on the balance of probabilities, breach the Code and therefore, does not warrant any further action.

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				(3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute.		
7	SC0089	03.03.2022	District Councillor	None	Complaint about the Member's lack of response to communication.	Complaint does not fall within the reals of a Code of Conduct.