
LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS – OCTOBER 2018 TO MARCH 2019

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, with effect from the current municipal year, 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 A summary of the matters received formally and informally between October 2018 and March 2019 is appended.

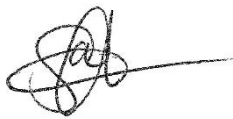
3 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 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 October 2018 to March 2019 be received.



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Background Papers:

None.

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ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE STANDARDS COMPLAINTS AND QUERIES

October 2018 – March 2019

No.	Complaint Reference	Date of Complaint and Complainant	Complaint Against District/Parish Councillor	Relevant Section of the Code	Details	Outcome
1	SC0057A/18	14 October 2018 Parish Councillor	Parish Councillor	S3(1) you must treat others with respect	Complaint about a Member's behaviour at a public meeting	No breach
	SC0057B/18	14 October 2018 Parish Councillor	Parish Councillor	S3 3(b) you must not bully any person S4(a) you must not disclose any information given to you in confidence by anyone, or information acquired by you which you believe, or ought reasonable to be aware, is of a confidential nature...	Complaint about a Member's behaviour at a public meeting	No breach
	SC0057C/18	14 October 2018 Parish Councillor	Parish Councillor	S3(1) you must treat others with respect	Complaint about a Member's behaviour at a public meeting	No breach

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No.	Complaint Reference	Date of Complaint and Complainant	Complaint Against District/Parish Councillor	Relevant Section of the Code	Details	Outcome
2	SC0058/18	19 October 2018 Parish Councillor	Parish Councillor	N/A – no section referenced and no section that could be engaged.	Query in relation to internal administrative processes.	The matter did not fall within the standards regime.
3	SC0059/18 connected to SC0056/18	19 October 2018 Resident	Parish Councillor	S3(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 regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute, 5(a) You must not use your position as a Member improperly to confer on or secure yourself or any other person, as advantage or disadvantage.	Complaint from member of public re aggressive behaviour and misuse of position. No formal complaint at this time but will if there is a recurrence of behaviour.	No written complaint therefore the matter did not fall within the standards regime. Email sent informing Cllr of potential complaint and offering advice. Clerk also informed.
4	SC0060/18	5 December 2018 Resident	District Councillor	S 3(3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably	Complaint from member of public re Member's response to comments posted on social media platform.	No breach. Advice given to Group Leader and Member.

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				regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute		
5	SC0061/18	8 December 2018 Resident	District Councillor	S 3(3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute	Complaint regarding Member's response to comments posted on social media platform.	Connected to SC0060/18 above and not actioned as separate complaint but treated as supporting evidence. No breach.
6	SC0062/18	20 December 2018 District Councillor	District Councillor	S 3 (3)(e) You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute	Complaint regarding use of social media	No breach. Not within capacity as Councillor.