



Rochford District
Council

REPORT TITLE:	Local Investigations and Determinations: April - July 2023
REPORT OF:	Monitoring Officer

REPORT SUMMARY

To provide a summary of complaints and queries received in relation to Members' behaviour under the Code of Conduct.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 In 2018, the Committee 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.
- 1.2 A summary of the matters received formally and informally between April 2023 and July 2023 is appended.

2.0 EQUALITY & HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

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

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the summary of complaints and determinations for the period April 2023 to July 2023 be received.

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Standards Committee	21 March 2023
Standards Committee	29 March 2022
Standards Committee	24 March 2021

No.	Complaint Reference	Date of Complaint	Complaint Against District/Parish Councillor	Relevant Section of the Code	Details	Outcome
1	SC0102	01.06.23	District Councillor	<p>1.2 - I treat local authority employees, employees and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect the role they play.</p> <p>2.2 - I do not harass any person</p> <p>6.1 - I do not use, or attempt to use, my position improperly to the advantage or disadvantage of myself or anyone else.</p>	In regard to the Councillor's involvement/expected duties to question agreed, audited and published accounts.	No breach of the Code
2	SC0103	21.06.23	District Councillor	1.2 - I treat local authority employees, employees and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect the role they play.	Behaviour of a Councillor during a Member Training session.	No breach of the Code

				5.1 - I do not bring my role or local authority into disrepute.		
3	SC0104	20.06.23	District Councillor	<p>1.1 - I treat other councillors and members of the public with respect.</p> <p>2.1 - I do not bully any person.</p> <p>5.1 - I do not bring my role or local authority into disrepute.</p>	Accusatory email exchanges post Development Committee on 28 February 2023.	No breach of the Code
4	SC0105	01.06.23	3 District Councillors	<p>1.2 - I treat local authority employees, employees and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect the role they play.</p> <p>2.1 - I do not bully any person.</p> <p>2.2 - I do not harass any person.</p>	Allegation that Councillors are inciting false unsubstantiated and vexatious rumours and allegations regarding Parish Members and the Clerk	No breach of the Code