

## LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS – APRIL 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 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 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 April 2019 and September 2019 is appended.

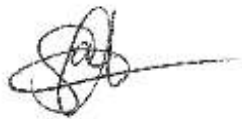
### 3 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 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 April 2019 to September 2019 be received.



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### Background Papers:-

None.

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

**April 2019 – September 2019**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Complaint Reference</b>	<b>Date of Complaint and Complainant</b>	<b>Complaint Against District/Parish Councillor</b>	<b>Relevant Section of the Code</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1	SC0063	29/04/19	Parish Councillor	S3(1) you must treat others with respect	Alleged defamatory comments on social media	No breach. No evidence of acting in capacity of Councillor.
2	SC0064	20/05/19	District Councillor	S3(1) you must treat others with respect	Alleged defamatory comments	Breach of the Code of conduct. An informal resolution has been sought and agreed between parties.  The Councillor is advised to apologise in person to the complainant.
3	SC0065	17/05/19	District Councillor	3(3)(e) you must not conduct yourself in a manner which could be reasonably regarded as bringing your Authority into disrepute	Misleading information on social media	No breach. No evidence of acting in capacity of District Councillor

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No.	Complaint Reference	Date of Complaint and Complainant	Complaint Against District/Parish Councillor	Relevant Section of the Code	Details	Outcome
4	SC0066	17/05/19	District Councillor	Conflict of Interest	Misleading information on Social Media Profile	No breach as no evidence that the information has caused any conflict in decision making. Advised member to amend the profile.
5	SC0067	05/07/19	District Councillor	5(a) You must 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.	Alleged misuse of position	No breach under the code. No evidence of a misuse of position to confer an advantage/disadvantage and not done in furtherance of private interests.No further action taken.