



## SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

### 2 LINKS TO COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The report links to the Council's People priority.

### 3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is proposed that Committee **RESOLVES**
- 3.2 that the summary of complaints and determinations from February 2024 to date be noted.

### 4 INTRODUCTION

- 4.1 This report is to summarise the complaints which the Monitoring Officer has received and the outcomes to date. A table summarises the complaints to date in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 It is good practice for the Committee to receive such update reports so it can be made aware and is fully apprised of the monitoring of complaints.
- 4.3 The subject of the complaint will remain anonymous until it is determined that there is a formal finding that there has been a breach under the Code.

### 5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### 6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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**7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed as no decision is being made which would cause an impact.



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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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## Appendix 1

Date of complaint and complainant	Subject of complaint	Allegation of breach	Outcome
25 February 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter did not meet evidential threshold of potential breach
26 February 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter did not meet evidential threshold of potential breach
13 March 2024 Councillor	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter closed as no further evidence was provided.
14 May 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter at investigation stage and currently being finalised
3 June 2024 Member of Public	Town Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Ongoing – initial review process
10 July 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillors (multiple)	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter did not meet evidential threshold of potential breach
2 August 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	No further action required
13 August 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public	Matter did not meet evidential threshold of potential breach

		with respect, not to harass and bully others	
13 August 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter resolved – apology has been issued
19 August 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter resolved (same as above complaint received 13 August 2024) – apology has been issued
20 August 2024 Member of Public	Town Councillor (x2)	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter did not meet evidential threshold of potential breach
29 August 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	Matter resolved – Apology to be issued and warning given
10 September 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	No further action for Monitoring Officer and referred to Group Leader
10 September 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	No further action for Monitoring Officer and referred to Group Leader
16 September 2024 Member of Public	Borough Councillor	Councillor has failed to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect, not to harass and bully others	No further action for Monitoring Officer as does not fall under the Code of Conduct. The matter is referred to relevant department to be dealt with under the Council's complaints policy