



Report To: Civic Affairs Committee
Lead Officer: Monitoring Officer

23rd March 2017

Update on Code of Conduct complaints

Purpose

1. To update the Civic Affairs Committee on complaints cases regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Recommendations

2. That the Civic Affairs Committee **note** the progress of any outstanding complaints and the conclusion of cases resolved since the last meeting.

Considerations

3. Progress since the last meeting in relation to Code of Conduct complaints is set out in the below table:

Matter Number	District/Parish Council	Allegation/complaint	outcome
9092	SCDC	One allegation re Verbal attack on another Councillor was dismissed previously. The 2 nd allegation concerned a failure to correctly complete the ownership certificate on a planning application which was granted planning permission	Matter On-going
011242	Melbourn Parish Council	Complaint lodged against 3 Parish Cllrs. No specific parts of the code were cited however the code was considered as a whole.	The matter had been referred to a partner agency in the 1 st instance who determined no action would be taken by them and that we could proceed with the code of conduct investigation. The

			complaint was reviewed in consultation with the Independent Person but it was determined that no further action be taken due to lack of evidence against the councillors concerned.
011302	SCDC/Willingham	Allegations that a Cllr had acted in a threatening manner.	Clarification was sought asking if they were looking to make a complaint against member in their capacity as a Parish or District Cllr? They were also asked for specific information as to what the member has done that they believe breached the Code of Conduct. No response was received therefore unable to investigate complaint.
011304	Waterbeach Parish Council	<p>Allegations that a Cllr breached the following parts of the code of conduct;</p> <p>You must;</p> <p>3.2 respect others and not bully or threaten or attempt to bully or threaten any person</p> <p>3.4 not conduct yourself in a manner which is likely to bring the Authority into disrepute</p>	Matter ongoing.
011627	Over Parish Council	<p>Allegations that a Cllr breached the following parts of the code of conduct;</p> <p>2.1 (i) a Member shall behave in a way that a reasonable person would regard as respectful.</p>	The complaint was reviewed in consultation with the Independent Person but it was determined that no further action be taken due to lack of evidence against the councillor concerned.

		and at section 2.1 (iii) a Member will not seek to improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person.	
011947	Waterbeach Parish Council	Complaint by a Councillor against 2 other Councillors concerning their behaviour towards two employees of the parish council.	Matter On going
011966	Waterbeach Parish Council	New Complaint by employee of parish council against a councillor.	Matter On going
011967	Waterbeach Parish Council	New Complaint by a parish councillor against another parish councillor	Matter On going
011968	Waterbeach Parish Council	New Complaint by a parish councillor by various parish councillors	Matter On going

Implications

4. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, there are no significant implications.

Background Papers

CONSTITUTION – CODE OF CONDUCT/Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure

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