

REPORT TO: Civic Affairs Committee

13 September 2022

LEAD OFFICER: Monitoring Officer

Update on Code of Conduct Complaints

Executive Summary

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.

Details

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
21518	Cambourne Town Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish Councillor that their actions were promoting hate through social media and therefore breached the Code of Conduct.	Matter ongoing.
21525	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against three members of the Parish Council (one former) that their actions breached the Code of Conduct.	After consultation with the Independent Person, it was determined that the complaint does not merit a formal investigation as the Parish Councillors (one former) have not breached the Code.
21833	Cambourne Town Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish Councillor that	The complainant wanted to take their complaint forward on a confidential

		their actions were promoting discrimination on religious and ethnical grounds and therefore breached the Code of Conduct.	basis. Following consultation with both the Independent and Deputy Independent Persons we were all in agreement that there was not a clear public interest in investigating the complaint whilst allowing them to remain confidential.
21840	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish Councillor that they stated during a parish council meeting that they would not abide by the standing orders and therefore breached the Code of Conduct.	New complaint - Matter ongoing.
21842	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish Councillor that they have been subject to unreasonable and bullying behaviour by the Parish Councillor and therefore the Code of Conduct has been breached.	New complaint - Matter ongoing.

Implications

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

Background Papers

Constitution – Code of Conduct

Ethical Handbook - Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure

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