

**REPORT TO:** Civic Affairs Committee

2 March 2023

**LEAD OFFICER:** Monitoring Officer

## Update on Code of Conduct Complaints

### Executive Summary

1. To update the Civic Affairs Committee on complaint 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
22213	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish Councillor that their actions caused bullying and breached the Nolan principles, therefore the Code of Conduct had been breached.	<p>The Investigator did not uphold the complaints regarding the Parish Councillor's conduct at a meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Investigating Officer's report has been reviewed and I also consulted with the Deputy Independent Person in line with the requirements of the Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure. We were both satisfied that the report was sufficient and that no further action was required.</p>

22214	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish Councillor that their actions caused bullying and intimidation and breached various other parts of the Code of Conduct.	<p>The Investigator did not uphold the complaints regarding the Parish Councillor's conduct at a meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Investigating Officer's report has been reviewed and I also consulted with the Deputy Independent Person in line with the requirements of the Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure. We were both satisfied that the report was sufficient and that no further action was required.</p>
22215	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish Councillor that their actions failed to treat them with respect, were bullying and brought the Parish Council into disrepute therefore breaching the Code of Conduct.	<p>The Investigator determined that on balance, the Parish Councillors statements did not breach the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The Investigating Officer's report has been reviewed and I also consulted with the Deputy Independent Person in line with the requirements of the Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure. We were both satisfied that the report was sufficient and that no further action was required.</p>
22387	SCDC	Allegations from the complainant against a District Councillor that their actions breached of the code of conduct.	The Deputy Monitoring Officer, after consultation with the Independent Person, determined that the complaint did not merit a formal investigation as there had not been a breach of the Code.

## 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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