

REPORT TO: Civic Affairs Committee

12 Sept 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:

District/Parish Council	Allegation/complaint	Outcome
SCDC	Allegations from complainants against a Councillor that their social media actions breached the relevant code of conduct.	The Monitoring Officer, after reviewing the investigation report, determined that there had been breaches of the Code. After following due process in the Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure, the Monitoring Officer has agreed Summary Resolution with the 4 complainants and the Councillor.
SCDC	Allegations from the complainant against a Councillor that their social media actions breached of the code of conduct.	The Monitoring Officer is awaiting the Councillor's response to the complaint prior to consulting with the Independent Person.
SCDC	Allegations from a complainant against a Councillor concerning	The Monitoring Officer, after consultation with the Independent Person, determined that the complaint

	their conduct towards others.	did not merit a formal investigation as there had not been a breach of the Code.
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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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