



Report To: Civic Affairs Committee
Lead Officer: Monitoring Officer

4th June 2019

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
15460	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant that members made comments at a committee meeting about district and county councillors that he felt breached the following parts of the code; "You must 3.1 provide leadership to the authority and communities within its area, by personal example and 3.2 respect others	There has not been a breach of the code, therefore the complaint does not merit formal investigation.
15982	SCDC	Complaint by a member that another member made comments in a meeting of the council which showed a lack of respect towards that	The member has apologised and the complaint is now closed.

		member;	
15600	SCDC	<p>Allegations from the complainant that a member made comments on twitter about another member that he felt breached the following parts of the code;</p> <p>“You must</p> <p>3.1 provide leadership to the authority and communities within its area, by personal example and</p> <p>3.2 respect others”</p>	There was a breach of the code but it was not in the public interest to carry out a formal investigation.
15873	Bourn Parish Council	<p>Allegations from the complainant against all members of the Parish Council that their actions breached the following parts of the code;</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>3.3 respect the confidentiality of information which you receive as a Member by–</p> <p>3.3.2 not obstructing third parties’ legal rights of access to information</p> <p>3.7 exercise your own independent judgement, taking decisions for good and substantial reasons by –</p> <p>3.7.3 stating the reasons for your decisions where</p>	Matter ongoing

		those reasons are not otherwise apparent	
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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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