

REPORT TO: Civic Affairs Committee

4 July 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
22992	Fowlmere Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against Parish Councillors that their actions caused bullying and breached the Nolan principles, therefore the Code of Conduct had been breached.	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.
23001	Hauxton Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish Councillor that their actions did not demonstrate honesty and breached various other parts 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.

22995-8	SCDC	Allegations from complainants against a Councillor that their social media actions breached the relevant code of conduct.	An Investigator was appointed and the investigation remains ongoing.
23057	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against a Parish 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.
23059	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against 2 Parish Councillors 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.
23059.1	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against the 2 Parish Councillors that their actions in the decision-making process had breached 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.
23060	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations from the complainant against the 2 Parish Councillors that their actions were discriminatory and had breached 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.
23096	Waterbeach Parish Council	Allegations against 3 Parish Councillors that their actions were in breach 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.
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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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