



REPORT TO: Civic Affairs Committee

28 January 2025

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:

Ref	District/Parish Council	Allegation/complaint	Outcome
JM22	SCDC	Allegation from member of the public concerning how Member conducted themselves in a SCDC meeting.	The Monitoring Officer engaged the Complainant on receipt of the Standards Complaint form. Having reflected, the Complainant withdrew the complaint promptly.
JM23-25	Arrington PC	Allegations of bullying and harassment from member of the public regarding the behaviour and conduct of 3 Parish Councillors towards the Complainant.	The Independent Person has assessed the complaint and will be communicating with the Monitoring Officer w/c 20 January 2025.
JM26	Horningsea PC	Allegation from member of public regarding the conduct of a Parish Councillor and their participation on Parish Council governance procedures.	The Monitoring Officer is in communication with the parties and will be sending this to the Independent Person for their assessment.

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 - [Agenda for Constitution on Friday, 8 March 2024, 1.00 p.m. \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Ethical Handbook - Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure - [Document Ethical Handbook \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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