

Code of Conduct complaints – 2023/24

Date received	Complaint Reference	Nature of complaint	Subject member	Outcome	Comments
1 September 2023	2324/03 First reported to Committee on 10 th October 2023.	Various allegations including abuse of power	Borough Cllr 3	Informal resolution sought resulting in apology to complainant. MO determined on 6 th May 2024 that the complaint not be referred for investigation. Complaint closed.	-
22 November 2023	2324/05 First reported to Committee on 19 th March 2024.	Alleged unprofessional behaviour at a meeting and failure to represent constituents.	Borough Councillor 5	Independent Person consulted. MO determined that the complaint did not merit formal investigation. Complaint closed.	-

Appendix

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22 November 2023	2324/06 First reported to Committee on 19 th March 2024.	Alleged behaviour towards another councillor at a committee meeting.	Borough Cllr 6	Informal resolution sought resulting in apology to complainant and agreement to partake in relevant training. Complaint closed.	No formal investigation required. Complainant has subsequently raised concern as to whether informal resolution satisfaction and whether training undertaken.
22 November 2023 Further complaint on same matter received on 28 th November 2023	2324/07 and 2324/08 First reported to Committee on 19 th March 2024.	Alleged aggressive and inappropriate behaviour.	Borough Cllr 1	Investigation conducted and referred to Standards Committee for determination. Matter determined on 11 March 2025 and formal Decision Notice issued. Sanction: Censure Recommendation of training	Independent Person consulted throughout and attended Standards Committee to provide his view. Subject Member did not attend Standards Committee.

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30 th January 2024	2324/10 First reported to Committee on 19 th March 2024.	Behaviour in breach of code due to inappropriate language used to complainant.	Borough Cllr 5	MO determined on 23 rd April 2024 that the incident was relatively minor and did not warrant a formal investigation. Complaint Closed.	-

Note - the outcomes of the following complaints were reported to the committee on 19th March 2024:

- 2324/01
- 2324/02
- 2324/04
- 2324/09

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Date received	Complaint Reference	Nature of complaint	Subject member	Outcome	Comments
21 June 2024	2425/01	Alleged failure to adequately respond to a ward issue from a resident.	Borough Cllr 1	No information or evidence was provided to substantiate the complaint. Complaint Closed.	See related complaint 2425/2. Complaint was against both ward councillors.
21 June 2024	2425/02	Alleged failure to adequately respond to a ward issue from a resident.	Borough Councillor 2	No information or evidence was provided to substantiate the complaint. Complaint Closed.	See related complaint 2425/1. Complaint was against both ward councillors.
23 rd October 2024	2425/03	Behaviour alleged to be exerting undue influence, undermining the principle of impartiality and misuse of position as councillor.	Borough Councillor 3	Complaint open.	-