

**Code of Conduct complaints received against District Councillors  
2023/24 municipal year**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Date received</b>	<b>Reason for complaint</b>	<b>Complainant</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1	19.05.2023	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint alleging inappropriate scrutiny of register of interest and threat to go to the press	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
2	05.06.2023	<b>Equality and diversity</b>  Complaint regarding social media posts relating to the transgender community. Not acting in official capacity	Member of the public	Stage One Assessment – Code not engaged (not in official capacity)
3	16.06.2023	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint that County Council was not consulted on a local issue	County Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
4	16.06.2023	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint that County Council was not consulted on a local issue	County Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
5	16.06.2023	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint that County Council was not consulted on a local issue	County Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
6	16.06.2023	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint that County Council was not consulted on a local issue	County Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action

7	20.06.2023	<b>Publication of confidential or exempt information</b>  Disclosure of exempt information on social media	Monitoring Officer	Stage Two Assessment – <b>breach of the Code</b>  Apology issued by Subject Councillor and social media post withdrawn
8	20.06.2023	<b>Publication of confidential or exempt information</b>  Disclosure of exempt information at public meeting of third party organisation	Monitoring Officer	Stage Two Assessment – <b>breach of the Code</b>  Apology issued by the Subject Councillor and statement made to recipients of information
9	02.09.2023	<b>Integrity, openness and transparency</b>  Complaint of no response from local member	Member of the public	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
10	01.11.2023	<b>Disrepute</b>  Complaint relating to attendance at a pro-Palestinian rally	Member of the public	Stage One Assessment – Code not engaged (not in official capacity)
11	01.11.2023	<b>Disrepute</b>  Complaint relating to attendance at a pro-Palestinian rally	Member of the public	Stage One Assessment – Code not engaged (not in official capacity)
12	23.11.2023	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint relating to disrespectful behaviour at public meeting of the Council and patterns of similar behaviour	District Councillor	Formal investigation – <b>breach of the Code</b>  Censure notice on the Councillor's profile on the Council's website until May 2025

13	01.12.2023	<b>Impartiality and objectivity</b>  Complaint accusing a Councillor of not representing their residents and misleading a Planning Officer	Parish Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
14	30.01.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint regarding disrespectful comments at a public meeting, political description of the administration/leadership and failure to report instances of intimidation	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
15	02.02.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint regarding disrespectful comments on social media post	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
16	13.02.2024	<b>Conflict of interest</b>  Complaint regarding a conflict associated with membership of an outside body and acting in a different capacity to that of local ward member. Subject Councillor in receipt of correspondence displaying unnecessary and unsavoury language and tone	Member of public	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
17	30.01.2024	<b>Respect and confidentiality</b>  Complaint regarding disrespectful comments at a meeting of the Council, allegations of false or misleading claims and an allegation of breaching confidentiality	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action

18	02.03.2024	<b>Respect, bullying, harassment and disrepute</b>  Complaint regarding publication of social media post inappropriately targeting another Councillor and a pattern of online harassment	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
19	03.03.2024	<b>Respect, bullying, harassment and disrepute</b>  Complaint regarding publication of social media post inappropriately targeting another Councillor and a pattern of online harassment	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
20	03.03.2024	<b>Respect, bullying, harassment and disrepute</b>  Complaint regarding publication of social media post inappropriately targeting another Councillor and a pattern of online harassment	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
21	03.03.2024	<b>Declaration of interest</b>  Complaint regarding alleged failure to declare an interest	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
22	03.03.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint regarding inappropriate and disrespectful comment on social media about another Councillor	District Councillor	Stage One Assessment – Code not engaged (not in official capacity)

23	03.03.2024	<b>Disrepute and respect</b>  Complaint regarding use of inappropriate language at public meeting of the Council	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – <b>breach of the Code</b>  Apology issued by the Councillor and attendance at refresher training
24	03.03.2024	<b>Disrepute and respect</b>  Complaint regarding use of inappropriate language at public meeting of the Council	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – <b>breach of the Code</b>  Apology issued by the Councillor and attendance at refresher training
25	03.03.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint regarding alleged inappropriate comments on social media about another Councillor	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
26	03.03.2024	<b>Selflessness, objectivity and honesty</b>  Complaint alleging the falsification of information presented to a public meeting of the Council	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
27	03.03.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint regarding an inappropriate post on social media about another Councillor	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
28	03.03.2024	<b>Selflessness, honesty and leadership</b>  Complaint regarding misleading comments on social media regarding another Councillor	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action

29	03.03.2024	<b>Selfishness, objectivity, honesty and leadership</b>  Complaint regarding social media post and use of intimidating language	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
30	03.03.2024	<b>Selflessness, objectivity, honesty and leadership</b>  Complaint regarding misleading comments on social media regarding another Councillor	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
31	03.03.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint regarding content of a social media post and potential targeting of another Councillor	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
32	03.03.2024	<b>Selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership</b>  Complaint regarding content of a social media post and potential targeting of another Councillor	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
33	03.03.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Complaint regarding the inappropriate 'liking' of a post on social media	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
34	04.03.2024	<b>Honesty</b>  Complaint alleging the falsification of information presented to a public meeting of the Council	District Councillor	Stage One Assessment – no further action
35	04.03.2024	<b>Disrepute and respect</b>  Complaint alleging the publication of an inappropriate post on social media	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action

36	04.03.2024	<b>Respect</b> Complaint alleging disrespectful posts and comments on social media against other Councillors	Member of public	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
37	04.03.2024	<b>Selflessness, integrity, honesty and leadership</b> Alleged intimidation and attempt to interfere with due process	District Councillor	Withdrawn prior to assessment
38	05.03.2024	<b>Respect</b> Complaint alleging inappropriate terms to describe political groups	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
39	05.03.2024	<b>Respect</b> Complaint regarding the 'liking' of a comment on social media	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
40	06.03.2024	<b>Respect</b> Complaint regarding the 'liking' of an inappropriate post on social media	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
41	06.03.2024	<b>Respect</b> Complaint regarding the 'liking' of an inappropriate post on social media	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
42	11.03.2024	<b>Respect and confidentiality</b> Sharing of confidential information relating to conversation with fellow Councillor on social media	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>

43	11.03.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Alleged deliberate slurring of a political group and Councillors at a public meeting	Member of the public	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
44	15.03.2024	<b>Disrepute and respect</b>  Use of inappropriate language at public meeting of the Council	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – <b>breach of the Code</b>  Apology issued by the Councillor and attendance at refresher training
45	15.03.2024	<b>Disrepute</b>  Allegation of a Councillor acting dangerously and potentially unlawfully	District Councillor	Withdrawn prior to assessment
46	26.03.2024	<b>Misuse of position</b>  Allegation of incorrect and misleading information relating to item considered at a meeting of the Parish Council	Parish Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – informal resolution (no further action)
47	03.04.2024	<b>Respect</b>  Allegation of disrespectful personal attack on social media	Member of the public	Stage Two Assessment – informal resolution (no further action)
48	08.04.2024	<b>Respect, bullying, harassment and disrepute</b>  Allegation of pattern of behaviour in use of social media to bully, harass and disrespect fellow Councillors as well as bring the Council into disrepute	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
49	01.05.2024	<b>Bullying</b>  Allegation of a threat and bullying behaviour following a post on social media against a fellow Councillor	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>

50	02.05.2024	<b>Respect</b> Allegation of disrespect shown to a fellow Councillor via a social media post	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
51	03.05.2024	<b>Respect</b> Allegation of disrespect shown to a fellow Councillor via a social media post	Member of the public	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
52	08.05.2024	<b>Bullying, harassment and disrepute</b> Allegation of bullying and harassment shown through the submission of a complaint and bringing their role and the Council into disrepute by comments made at a public meeting	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
53	08.05.2024	<b>Respect</b> Allegation of disrespect shown to a fellow Councillor via a social media post	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>
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57	08.05.2024	<b>Respect and bullying</b> Allegation of a threat and disrespect shown to a fellow Councillor via a social media post	District Councillor	<b>Formal investigation – ongoing</b>

58	13.05.2024	<b>Confidentiality</b> Allegation of a breach of confidentiality regarding Code of Conduct complaint	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
59	13.05.2024	<b>Honesty</b> Allegation of dishonesty on a social media post regarding a fellow Councillor	District Councillor	Withdrawn prior to assessment
60	17.05.2024	<b>Impartiality and disrepute</b> Allegation of providing false information to the press and publicly criticising Officers	District Councillor	Withdrawn prior to assessment
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62	17.05.2024	<b>Impartiality and disrepute</b> Allegation of providing false information to the press and publicly criticising Officers	District Councillor	Stage Two Assessment – no further action
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