

## AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

### Joint Standards Committee

- To:** Councillors Douglas, Baker, Carr, Fisher, Rowley (Chair), Chambers (Parish Council Member), Rawlings (Vice-Chair), Waudby (Parish Council Member), Davies (Independent Member) and Laverick (Independent Member)
- Date:** Wednesday, 31 March 2021
- Time:** 4.00 pm
- Venue:** Remote Meeting

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on **23 March 2021**. The attached additional documents are now available for the following agenda item:

**11. Monitoring Report in Respect of Complaints (Pages 1 - 8) Received**

This report updates the Committee on the position regarding ongoing complaints. The additional information attached relates to closed complaints.

This agenda supplement was published on **30 March 2021**.

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Case ref	City or Parish	Complainant	Date Received	Nature of Complaint	Status	Updates
723	Parish	Former Parish Council Clerk	24/6/19	The complainant alleges that the subject members have behaved in a manner that is disrespectful.	Closed – the Monitoring Officer has considered the Investigation Officer’s report and agrees with her findings of no breach of the Code of Conduct. The investigation was initially on hold as it was related to another complaint.	
2020/01	Parish	Resident	05/02/20	The complainant alleges the Parish Councillor was supporting a planning application on a personal level and was not acting impartially. The complainant claims the Councillor did not acknowledge their objections.	Closed - after investigation, the Monitoring Officer advised this matter will not be taken further.	The Chairman of the PC has contacted the Monitoring Officer to discuss this matter.  A Parish Councillor has resigned from their post following the incidents with the Parish Councillor.  Response sent to the complainant on 28/04/20. Chair of PC also sent a copy. This matter will not be taken further.
2020/02	City	Resident	10/04/20	The complainant put in a complaint with regards to how a Councillor spoke to him online on Twitter.	Closed – the Monitoring Officer advised the complainant that this complaint does not merit further investigation as it appears that the thread consists of a series of comments between the complainant and the Councillor in which they were both providing views on whether a	

					previous comment made on Twitter was defamatory.	
2020/03	City	Councillor	26/06/20	The complainant alleges a Councillor had a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter of the decision to grant and fund early retirement of a Chief Officer.	Closed – the complaint did not progress to an investigation and the complaint was dismissed.	
2020/05	City	City	11/07/20	The complainant has submitted a formal complaint with regards to 4 CYC Councillors not submitting a Declaration of Interest at a Planning Committee meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2020. It is claimed one Councillor in particular attended with a predetermined and biased mind-set.	Closed - the complaint was assessed and the views of an Independent Person were sought. It was determined the complaint would not be taken further as the points raised do not amount to a breach of the code of conduct.	
2020/06	City	Resident	14/07/20	The complaint concerns a Councillor's participation at the Staffing and Urgency Committee that discussed the early retirement of a Chief Officer and the lack of Declaration of Interest.	Closed - the complaint was assessed and the views of an Independent Person were sought. It was determined the complaint would not be taken further.	Subject matter of complaint has already been subject of an investigation or other action relating to the Code of Conduct or subject of an investigation by other regulatory authorities.
2020/07	Parish	Parish	16/07/20	The complainants have put in a joint complaint about their fellow Councillor. The complaint focuses on the Councillor's attendance at meetings, his general tone of communication and behaviour amongst other things.	This complaint is currently being investigated.	Closed as subject Parish Councillor has resigned.
2020/08	Parish	Resident	23/07/20	The formal complaint submitted is with regards to the integrity, honesty and bullying behaviour of the Councillor.	This complaint is currently being investigated.	Closed as subject Parish Councillor has resigned.

2020/09	Parish	Parish	24/07/20	The complainant has put in a formal complaint with regards to the Councillor behaving in a 'disrespectful and intimidatory' manner. The complainant has given multiple examples of the behaviour.	Closed - the complaint was assessed and the views of an Independent Person were sought. It was determined the complaint would not be taken further. The documents provided did not provide sufficient evidence of disrespectful and intimidatory behaviour. Comments made amount to freedom of speech and does not extend beyond that.	Closed
2020/11	Parish	Parish Councillor	27/08/20	The complainant has put in a formal complaint with regards to a Councillor's behaviour at council meetings. The complainant has given multiple examples of the behaviour. This is a counter complaint to 2020/09.	Closed - the complaint was assessed and the views of an Independent Person were sought. It was determined the complaint would not be taken further. The evidence provided did not provide sufficient evidence of behaviour amounting to a breach of the Code. Comments made would amount to freedom of speech and did not extend beyond that.	Closed

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