

## Annex B (i)

### Recently Closed Complaints Log - Public

Case ref	City or Parish	Complainant	Date Received	Nature of Complaint	Status / updates
2023/15 (LT)	Parish	Resident	29/10/23	Complainant alleges the Councillors were disrespectful during a Parish Council Meeting and that a sexist comment was made towards them. Complainant also alleges needs were not met under the Equality Act.	<p>This complaint is currently being assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>This complaint falls under paragraph 5 of the complaints handling process as the subject member is Chairperson of the Parish Council concerned. It will therefore be referred to a JSC Sub Committee for assessment.</p> <p>Views of the IP sought.</p> <p>The Sub Committee assessed the complaint, it was agreed the complaint would not be referred to investigation as it could not be seen to constitute a breach of the code. Parties notified, letter of advice sent to one Subject Member. Complaint closed.</p>



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2023/16	Parish x 9	Resident	01/11/23	The complainant alleges the Councillors breached the code of conduct following a request of co-option on to the Town Council.	<p>This complaint is currently being assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>This complaint falls under paragraph 5 of the complaints handling process as a subject member was Chairperson of the Parish Council at the time of the complaint. It will therefore be referred to a JSC Sub Committee for assessment.</p> <p>Views of the IP sought.</p> <p>Complaint assessed by the sub committee, it was agreed this would not be referred to investigation and for informal resolution to be sought. Letter of outcome and recommendations sent to all parties. Closed.</p>
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2023/17	Parish	Parish	08/11/23	<p>The complainant alleges the Councillors breached the Code of Conduct, the 7 Principles of Local Government, the Misconduct in Public Office Act and the Equalities Act.</p>	<p>This complaint is currently being assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>This complaint falls under paragraph 5 of the complaints handling process as a subject member was Chairperson of the Parish Council at the time of the complaint. It will therefore be referred to a JSC Sub Committee for assessment.</p> <p>Views of the IP sought.</p> <p>The complaint has been assessed in accordance with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints, and a decision has been made to take no further action. This is because the matters complained of relate more to dissatisfaction with the parish council in general rather than the specific conduct of an individual. Complaint closed, parties notified.</p>
2023/18	Parish	Parish	03/10/12	<p>The complainant alleges the Councillors breached the Code of Conduct in that they made false statements, breached the Nolan principals, assisted in an assault and failed to act in a manner expected of Councillors.</p>	<p>This complaint is currently being assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>The matters complained of would not be capable of being a breach of the Code. Complaint closed.</p>

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2023/19 (LT)	Parish	York Resident	19/11/23	The complainant felt bullied by the Councillor and alleges that the Councillor's manner and general conduct was seen to be both threatening and formidable.	<p>This complaint is currently being assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Views of the IP sought.</p> <p>The complaint has been assessed in accordance with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints. A decision has been made to not refer the complaint to investigation as the matters complained of are not seen to pass the threshold to constitute a breach of the code. Parties notified. Complaint closed.</p>
2023/20 (LT)	Parish	York Resident	23/11/23	The complainant alleges that the Councillor was disrespectful, aggressive and intimidating during a public meeting.	<p>This complaint is currently being assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Views of the IP sought.</p> <p>The complaint has been assessed in accordance with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints. A decision has been made to not refer the complaint to investigation as the matters complained of are not seen to pass the threshold to constitute a breach of the code. Parties notified. Complaint closed.</p>



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2023/22	CYC	York resident	12/12/23	The complainant alleges that the Councillor brought the council into disrepute in a comments section on a local news website.	<p>This complaint is currently being assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>A decision was made to take no further action in accordance with paragraph 4 of the case handling procedure. This is because the subject member was not acting in their capacity as a councillor when the alleged breach occurred. There was no reference in the comment to their role as an elected member and the post made was not in relation to any duty they may have as an elected member. Closed.</p>
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<p>2023/07 (FH)</p>	<p>CYC</p>	<p>York Resident</p>	<p>16/04/23</p>	<p>The complainant alleges the Councillor used public funds from the Parish Council to produce leaflets that support their personal election campaign.</p>	<p>This complaint is currently being assessed by the Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Views of the IP sought.</p> <p>This complaint falls under paragraph 5 of the complaints handling process as the subject member is Chairperson of the Parish Council concerned. It will therefore be referred to a JSC Sub Committee.</p> <p>The views of the IP have been sought and will be incorporated into the MO's report to JSC Sub Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</p> <p>On 26<sup>th</sup> June the JSC Sub-Committee agreed that the issue complained of is capable of constituting a breach of the Member Code of Conduct and merits further investigation in light of the seriousness of the allegation. The DMO has appointed a CYC lawyer to investigate.</p> <p>A draft report is expected to be completed by the end of September 2023.</p> <p>Report finalised November 2023.</p> <p>Hearing convened for 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.</p> <p>The Hearing panel found that there had been a breach of the code by the Cllr and decided to</p>
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