

**TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL MONITORING OFFICER UPDATE OCTOBER 2024**

<b>Council</b>	<b>Complainant</b>	<b>Current status</b>	<b>Final outcome</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Existing Cases from last update:</b>				
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DISTRICT	METROPLITAN BOROUGH COUNCILLOR	CLOSED	Standards Hearing – determined breach of Code of Conduct – Committee sanctions published on Council’s website	Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity.
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	CLOSED	Investigation – no further action	Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity and misuse of Council resources.
PARISH	PARISH COUNCILLOR	ONGOING – INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND TRAINING		Matter relates to behaviours within the Parish Council between multiple Councillors. Informal resolution and Code of Conduct training arranged.
TOWN	PUBLIC	ONGOING - INVESTIGATION	Investigation – externally appointed Investigator	Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity.
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	CLOSED	No further action	Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity.
PARISH	PUBLIC	ONGOING		Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity.
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	ONGOING		Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity and behaviours between District Councillors.
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	ONGOING		Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity.
<b>New Cases since last update - six</b>				

**General Notes – 2023/24 and 2024/25 Summary:**

Overall 8 cases were received in 2023/24 and six so far in 2024/25. Since the last update, one case was heard at a Standards Hearing, one was referred for investigation resulting in no further action as there had not been a breach of the Code of Conduct and another closed with no further action, again with there not being a breach of the Code of Conduct.

The other 6 cases remain ongoing, with one being referred for investigation with an externally appointed investigator and one being referred for informal resolution and Code of Conduct training.

Since the last update, two Code of Conduct sessions have been conducted at Harwich Town Council and St Osyth Parish Council, which have been open to all Town and Parish Councillors across the District. These sessions were well attended with good engagement which led to useful discussions. A dedicated session was also held at Brightlingsea Town Council.

**Requests for dispensations:**

There have been three requests for dispensations during this period.