

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL MONITORING OFFICER UPDATE FEBRUARY 2025

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| Existing Cases from last update: | | | | |
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| DISTRICT | METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCILLOR – received 18 August 2023 | Hearing held on 16 May 2024 Sanctions not fully complied with | 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. Following the meeting of the Standards Committee in October 2024, the Chairman as requested by the Committee wrote to the Subject Member to which no response has been received. In presenting this item, options available will be covered by the Monitoring Officer during the meeting. |
| PARISH | PARISH COUNCILLOR – received 08 May 2024 | CLOSED – 18 Oct 2024 | Informal resolution | Matter relates to behaviours within the Parish Council between multiple Councillors. Code of Conduct training conducted, however there may be a need to provide further support. |
| TOWN | PUBLIC - received 05 Jun 2024 | ONGOING - INVESTIGATION | Investigation – externally appointed Investigator | Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity. A draft report has been received and submitted to parties for comment. |
| PARISH | PUBLIC – received 23 Sep 2024 | CLOSED – 21 Oct 2024 | No further action | Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in a non-official capacity, therefore the Code of Conduct was not engaged. |
| DISTRICT | PUBLIC – received 30 Sep 2024 | CLOSED – 28 Oct 2024 | No further action – decision by former Deputy | Matter related to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity and behaviours between District Councillors. It was |

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| | | | Monitoring Officer | considered there was a lack of evidence to support the complaint proceeding. |
| DISTRICT | PUBLIC – received 02 Oct 2024 | CLOSED – 29 Nov 2024 | No further action | Matter related to acting within a Ward Member's responsibility and in accordance with the Council's Procedures. |
| PARISH | PARISH COUNCILLOR – received 21 Oct 2024 | CLOSED – 18 Dec 2024 | Informal resolution was offered to both parties, but only accepted by one | Matter relates to behaviour whilst acting in an official capacity and behaviours between Parish Councillors. The Subject Member attended a reflective session with the Monitoring Officer. The Complainant did not wish to proceed any further. |
| TOWN | PUBLIC – received 05 Dec 2024 | ONGOING | Investigation to be commenced | Matter relates to use of social media. |
| TOWN | PUBLIC – received 05 Dec 2024 | ONGOING | Pending | Matter relates to public statements on the Town Council's website. |
| PARISH | PARISH COUNCILLOR – received 18 Dec 2024 | CLOSED – 07 Jan 2025 | No further action | Subject Member resigned from Parish Council. |

New Cases since last update - four

General Notes – 2024/25 Summary:

Overall nine cases have been received so far in 2024/25. Since the last update, one case resulted in Code of Conduct training being conducted, one remains being investigated by an externally appointed investigator, one has been appointed to an internal investigator, five were closed with no further action as there had not been a breach of the Code of Conduct and one remains ongoing.

Requests for dispensations:

There have been eight requests for dispensations during this period.