

## Standards Committee

### Item 9 - Code of Conduct complaints update 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

\* indicates case which has been updated since the update presented to the last meeting.

Case #	TC/PC or EDDC member	Relevant paragraphs in Code of Conduct it is alleged has been breached and nature of complaint	Monitoring Officer assessment and outcomes following consultation with Independent Person
2021/C01  12.2.2021 (revised)	EDDC	Detail to be provided once Subject Member notified	With MO for assessment
2021/C02  12.2.2021 (revised)	EDDC	Detail to be provided once Subject Member notified	With MO for assessment
2021/C03  12.2.2021 (revised)	EDDC	Detail to be provided once Subject Member notified	With MO for assessment
2021/C04  13.1.21	EDDC	Comments in the press and public meetings have called into question the integrity of EDDC officers.	With MO for assessment. Investigation in progress.

		<b>Breach of the Code:</b> 4(a) You <u>must</u> - Treat others with respect and 5(c) You <u>must not</u> – Bully any person	
2021/C05  1.3.2021	EDDC	Detail to be provided once Subject Member notified	With MO for assessment
2021/C06  1.3.2021	EDDC	Detail to be provided once Subject Member notified	With MO for assessment
2021/C07  1.3.2021	EDDC	Email communication which is attacking and is said to contain defamatory allegations.  <b>Breach of Code:</b> 4. (a) You MUST treat others with courtesy and respect.  5. You MUST NOT-  (a) attempt to use your position as a Member improperly to confer on or secure for yourself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage;  (b) do anything which may cause the Council to breach a statutory duty or any of the equality enactments (as defined in section 33 of the Equality Act 2010);	With MO for assessment  Investigation proceeding.

		<p>(c) bully or harass any person;</p> <p>(d) intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person who is or is likely to be –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a complainant,</li> <li>(ii) a witness, or</li> <li>(iii) involved in the administration of any investigation or proceedings,</li> </ul> <p>in relation to an allegation that any Member has failed to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct;</p> <p>(e) do anything which compromises or is likely to compromise the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the Council;</p> <p>(h) conduct yourself in a manner or behave in such a way so as to give a reasonable person the impression that you have brought your office or the Council into disrepute</p>	
<p>2021/C08</p> <p>15.3.2021</p>	EDDC	<p>Comments in a public meeting which calls into question the integrity of EDDC officers.</p> <p>Breach of Code:</p> <p><b>Breach of the Code:</b></p> <p>4(a) You <u>must</u> - Treat others with respect and</p> <p>5(c) You <u>must not</u> – Bully any person</p>	With MO for assessment

2021/C09  27.1.20201	EDDC	<p>The allegation is that a Cllr used their position to incite a protest against trees being cut down on private land and took steps to prevent works to the tree.</p> <p><b>Breach of Code:</b></p> <p>5. You MUST NOT-</p> <p>a) attempt to use your position as a Member improperly to confer on or secure for yourself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage</p> <p>c) bully any person;</p> <p>h) conduct yourself in a manner or behave in such a way so as to give a reasonable person the impression that you have brought your office or the Council into disrepute.</p>	<b>With MO for assessment</b>
2021/C10  14/01/2021	PC	<p>Alleges that Cllr failed to disclose his personal and prejudicial interest in respect of a planning application.</p> <p><b>Breach of Code:</b></p> <p>To be confirmed – wrong code of conduct quoted.</p>	<b>With MO for assessment</b>

2021/C11  24/03/21	PC	<p>Alleges that in a council meeting a Cllr's comments and attitude were deeply offensive to certain individuals.</p> <p><b>Breach of Code:</b> 5. You MUST NOT-</p> <p>h) conduct yourself in a manner or behave in such a way so as to give a reasonable person the impression that you have brought your office or the Council into disrepute.</p>	<b>With MO for assessment</b>
2021/C12  24/03/21	PC	<p>Alleges that in a council meeting a Cllr's comments and attitude were deeply offensive to certain individuals.</p> <p><b>Breach of Code:</b> 5. You MUST NOT-</p> <p>h) conduct yourself in a manner or behave in such a way so as to give a reasonable person the impression that you have brought your office or the Council into disrepute.</p>	<b>With MO for assessment</b>
2021/C13  4/2/2021	TC	Detail to be provided once Subject Member notified	<b>With MO for assessment</b>
2021/C14  4/2/2021	TC	Detail to be provided once Subject Member notified	<b>With MO for assessment</b>

2021/C15  3/2/2021	TC	Detail to be provided once Subject Member notified	With MO for assessment
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Complainants who have made more than 2 complaints

Subject Members who are subject to more than 2 complaints

An update for the Committee on Non-Code related / initial contact / pending cases since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021:

Case #	Details of non-code complaint	Outcome
16/01/2021	Alleges that a Cllr did not declare an interest in respect of a property that had a planning application submitted against it by the current owners.	Capacity not engaged – case closed at initial stage
12/01/2021	Alleges that a Cllr began shouting very aggressively during a council meeting where he was witnessed shouting at the Chair for not letting him speak.	Withdrawn by complainant following informal resolution.
21/01/2021	Complaint about the behaviour of two Cllrs against the complainant at a parish council meeting.	Seeking informal resolution
12/02/2020	Alleges that at a council meeting Cllr's behaviour was very vocal, disruptive, disrespectful and totally unacceptable. Alleges that Cllr's behaviour demonstrated total disregard towards members of the public who attended wishing to speak in support of grant funding applications  Cllr not content with disrupting Council Meeting has brought Council into disrepute with postings on Social Media	Completed complaint form not returned so closed.

19/02/2021	Complaint about HTC and Facebook page	Non Code – Closed at enquiry
16/02/2021	Complaint that a member of the public continues to correspond directly with the council using unacceptable behaviour towards the Council and also individual Councillors	Non Code – Closed at enquiry
12/03/2021	Unhappy that names are published and details are put on EDDC website if elected for council.	Non Code – Closed at enquiry
06/03/2021	Alleges Cllr was accused of lying in emails	Awaiting further information