

Standards Committee

Code of Conduct complaints update 2 November 2023 to 2 April 2024

Case #	TC/PC or EDDC member	Stage 1 Assessment	Date of Assessment Sub-Committee	Relevant paragraphs in Code of Conduct it is alleged has been breached and nature of complaint	Case Progress
2022/C03 Cllr A 23.2.2022	P/TC	28.03.2022	22.07.2022	<p>Not declaring disclosable pecuniary and personal interests.</p> <p>4.1 You must (a) treat others with courtesy and respect</p> <p>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; (c) bully any person</p> <p>Not including on their register of interests a relevant person's employment, relevant person's contract with Council and the membership of outside bodies as personal interests. Not declaring or acting on disclosable pecuniary interest at meetings and conferring an advantage on their partner. Not treating the complainant with courtesy and respect or bullying them in relation to the challenge to their declaration of interests at a meeting.</p>	Historic case pre-dating the current Monitoring Officer. Due to the change in procedures and passage of time, a meeting is to be set up with the Independent Persons to discuss the complaint and next steps.
2022/C28 Cllr BB 13.10.2022	EDDC	11.11.2022	19.01.2022	<p>5.1.1 I treat other councillors and members of the public with courtesy and respect.</p> <p>5.2.1 I do not bully any person.</p> <p>5.2.2 I do not harass any person.</p>	Historic case pre-dating the current Monitoring Officer. Due to the change in procedures and passage of time, a meeting is to be set up with the Independent Persons to discuss the complaint and next steps.

				<p>5.2.3 I promote equalities and do not discriminate unlawfully against any person.</p> <p>5.2.4 I do not 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).</p> <p>5.5.1 I do not bring my role or Council into disrepute.</p> <p>Allegation of inappropriate comment in a Council meeting</p>	
2023/1 24.5.2023 Cllr GG	EDDC	16.06.2023	N/A	<p>5.1.1 I treat other councillors and members of the public with courtesy and respect.</p> <p>5.2.3 I promote equalities and do not discriminate unlawfully against any person.</p> <p>5.2.4 I do not 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).</p>	Other action agreed, namely an apology and training. Case Closed.
2023/6 12.09.2023 Cllr LL	P/TC			Failure to declare an interest in Council matter.	Complainant was rejected at Stage 1 as it did not set out a clear breach of the code of conduct. Case Closed.
2023/7 10.10.2023 Cllr MM	P/TC			Failure to declare DPI and	Complaint alleged potential criminal aspect and so the case was referred to the Police and therefore had to be put on

				5.2.1 I do not bully any person. 5.2.2 I do not harass any person.	hold. The Police have now confirmed they will not be taking any action and we can therefore proceed with the complaint. The Complainant has requested their details remain anonymous and we are currently considering this request in line with the complaint procedure.
2023/8 23.10.2023 Cllr NN	EDDC			You must not (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.	Decision of no further action as the Subject Councillor was not considered to be acting in their capacity as a Councillor at the time of the alleged activity. Case Closed.
2023/9					Complaint has now been split as it was against two Councillors – please see 2024/2 and 2024/3.
2023/10 17.07.2023 Cllr PP	EDDC	17.09.2023	2.10.2023	3.3 In undertaking my role: I impartially exercise my responsibilities in the interests of the local community. I do not improperly seek to confer an advantage, or disadvantage, on any person. I avoid conflicts of interest. I exercise reasonable care and diligence. I ensure that public resources are used prudently in accordance with my Council's requirements and in the public interest.	Decision letter issued confirming that the agreed Council wide guidance and training would be provided. Case Closed.

2023/11 09.01.2023 Cllr QQ	EDDC			Complaint sets out that code has been breached.	Required clarification and information has not been provided by Complainant. Case Closed.