

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**STANDARDS COMMITTEE****12th April 2019****Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer****Complaints received in relation to the Members Code of Conduct****1. Purpose of the Report**

To provide a summary of the complaints received and their respective in relation to the Members Code of Conduct.

2. Information and Analysis

As part of the procedure for managing complaints received in relation to the Members Code of Conduct, the outcome of any complaint received should be reported to the Standards Committee.

During this municipal year to date four complaints have been received and three of these have been concluded.

The details of the concluded complaints are as follows:

	Complaint received from	Substance of the Complaint	outcome
Cllr 1	Member of the Public	Failure to respond to repeated requests for support and information relating to a local issue	Complaint not upheld as the investigation indicated that there had been a communication error between the complainant and a Council Department as opposed to the role of the Councillor in question.
Cllr 2	Member of the Public	Failure to treat with respect,	Complaint not upheld as the complaint fell outside of the remit of the Code of Conduct.

		allegations of defamation of character via use of social media	Cllr 2 not acting in the capacity of a councillor when using social media and had already provided an apology in a private capacity
Cllr 3	Member of the Public	Allegation of failure to act with honesty when information was printed in a political newsletter. The allegation was that comments printed were inaccurate	Complaint not upheld as the complaint fell outside the remit of the Code of Conduct. The printed material in question was of a political nature and not related to the County Council

3. Legal Considerations

The Council is required to publish a Member Code of Conduct and a complaints procedure.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors have also been considered: financial, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Officer Recommendation

The Standards Committee is invited to note the contents of this report.

Details relating to the outstanding current complaint will be reported to a future meeting of the Standards Committee once the matter has been concluded.

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