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To: **Members of the Standards Committee**

Please attend a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on **Wednesday, 13 July 2022 at 2.00 pm in the District Council Offices**, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, S42 6NG.

Yours sincerely



Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Members of the Committee

Councillor P Antcliff – (Vice Chair)
Councillor W Armitage - (Chair)
Councillor N Barker
Councillor D Hancock
Councillor P R Kerry
Councillor H Liggett
Councillor K Rouse
Councillor D Ruff
Councillor R Welton

P Coleman – Parish Council Representative
T Collins – Parish Council Representative

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AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item in the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 **Minutes of Last Meeting** (Pages 3 - 5)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Standards Committee held on 23 March 2022.

4 **Review of the Constitution - Part 1** (Pages 6 - 9)

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer.

5 **Standards Committee Annual Report - Appendix A - NOW PUBLISHED**
(Pages 10 - 16)

6 **Complaints Update** (Pages 17 - 21)

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer.

7 **Work Programme 2022/23** (Pages 22 - 23)

8 **Urgent Business (public session)**

To consider any other matter which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

We speak your language

Polish

Mówimy Twoim językiem

Romanian

Vorbim limba dumneavoastră

Urdu

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Chinese

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2022

Present:

Councillor William Armitage (Chair)

Councillor Nigel Barker
Councillor Pat Kerry
Councillor Diana Ruff

Councillor David Hancock
Councillor Heather Liggett
Councillor Richard Welton

Pat Coleman - Parish Council
Representative

Trevor John Collins - Parish Council
Representative

Also Present:

L Ingram
S Sternberg
N Calver
A Bond

Legal Team Manager - Contentious Team
Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
Governance Manager
Governance Officer

STA/ Apologies for Absence

35/2

1-22 Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors P Antcliff and K Rouse.

STA/ Declarations of Interest

36/2

1-22 Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest, not already on their register of interest, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

Councillors R Welton and D Ruff declared an interest as Members of Rykneld Board.

Councillor H Liggett declared an interest in item 4: Review of the Constitution – Part 4, as the Chair of Licensing Committee.

STA/ Minutes of Last Meeting

37/2

1-22 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Standards Committee held on the 26 January 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

STA/ **Review of the Constitution - Part 4**

38/2

1-22

The Governance Manager presented a report to Committee in order for them to consider the list of areas for review within the Council's Constitution for consideration by the Standards Committee prior to submission as part of the Annual Review of the Constitution to Council for adoption.

Members noted that after having considered the proposed amendment that "New CPR 24. 2 – CPR 13.2 does not apply to applications heard by either the Planning or the Licensing Committee", Planning Committee were divided on the issue. Some Members of Planning Committee believed that this issue arose so rarely that it was not of major concern, whereas other members considered that the removal of this provision would conflict with transparency.

Standards Committee considered that as this issue arose only in rare occasions that the status quo should be maintained.

Members considered the clarification of deferment and adjournment and noted that the feedback from the Planning Committee had been that they saw no issue in this rule being applied unilaterally across all Committees and Council. The additional wording suggested would provide clarity and avoid challenge to the Planning Committee process.

Standards Committee agreed that the amendments related to the clarification of deferment and adjournment should be made.

Committee had a lengthy debate over the proposals to reduce the number of members on the licensing Sub-Committee from five to three in order to comply with the legislation.

Members considered that it would be beneficial to summon five members to the meeting to account for any potential last minute disruptions or absences. With this in mind, it was considered that the Sub-Committee should comprise of three members with an additional two substitute members.

RESOLVED – That Committee gave consideration to proposals for review and supported the submission of the proposals to Council as part of the Constitution Review at a future meeting.

STA/ **Aide Memoire for Councillors and Officers on Member/Officer Relationships**

39/2

1-22

The Monitoring Officer presented a report to seek the endorsement of the proposal to send out a short guide to officers and members on upholding good working relationships between Members and Officers.

Committee heard that this would refer to all Members generally. It was noted that there were a number of errors in the report where it referred only to Cabinet Members, this would be amended so that it reflected all Members.

RESOLVED – Standards Committee supported the Monitoring Officer in sending out the attached Aide Memoire to all members and putting it on the intranet for officers.

STA/ 40/2 **Complaints Update**

1-22 Committee received a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer on Member Complaints.

It was reported that there were no new complaints and only one ongoing complaint that would be closed soon.

STA/ 41/2 **Work Programme 2022/23**

1-22 Members discussed the Work Programme and requested that the process for planning committee decisions to be called back, and motions and questions at Council be added for consideration at a future meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme be noted.

STA/ 42/2 **Urgent Business (public session)**

1-22 The Monitoring Officer informed Members that the response to Committee in Standards in Public life would be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

Chair updated Committee that, at Council's request, his work to write to the Secretary of state regarding the Code of Conduct was still ongoing.

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

13th July 2022

Constitution Review 2022/23

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Contact Officer: Sarah Sternberg – 01246 217731
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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

The Committee is about to start its annual review of the Constitution. This report is suggesting areas to review over the forthcoming year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Members consider the proposed programme of review for the Council's Constitution in the corporate year 2022 to 2023
2. That Members suggest any additional areas for review that they consider should be included.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

Failure to ensure the Constitution meets legal requirements can leave the Council open to challenge, as does failure to comply with the provisions of the Constitution. It is therefore essential that the Constitution is regularly reviewed and given robust oversight.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

The Council is required under the Localism Act 2011 to prepare and keep up to date a Constitution that contains Standing Orders, Codes of Conduct and such other information as the Secretary of State may direct and such other information as the Council considers appropriate.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

There are no human resources implications arising from the proposals within this report. Some areas for review may impact on staff. These implications will be dealt with outside the process for reviewing the Council's Constitution.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	None
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Standards Committee fulfils this role.</p> <p>Details: relevant Officers are consulted at various stages of the Constitution Review</p>

Links to Council Plan (NED) priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

Demonstrating good governance. This work also ties in with the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) which the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee approves.

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background (reasons for bringing the report)

1.1 Each year, the Standards Committee undertakes a review of the Council's Constitution to ensure it is up to date. The Constitution is the Council's rule book. It sets out how the Council operates and how it makes its decisions. The latest version of the Constitution which is on the Council's website was approved in April 2022.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 The Standards Committee's work plan for 2022/23 was approved at the last meeting of the Committee in April. As happens because of a changing landscape, there is a requirement to change some of the items for review and their dates.

2.2 The work plan that was previously agreed by Standards Committee has been amended and appears later in this agenda for Members' approval. This shows the changes proposed to the order in which areas are reviewed.

2.3 In the meantime officers have taken the opportunity to carry out a "housekeeping" review of the entire Constitution. This is primarily looking for changes in titles, references to the wrong body, things which shouldn't be there because they have already been deleted. As these alterations would not involve any significant issues, but simply tidy up obvious inconsistencies, the necessary changes will be made by the Monitoring Officer as a Delegated Decision in order to ensure that the Constitution remains accurate. If the review identifies any serious issues that require this Committee to consider them, the issues will be brought back to Members. In any event there will be a report to the next Committee on the outcome of this review explaining what changes have been made and what possible significant changes need to be considered.

2.4 Finally, Members are requested to identify any suggestions of areas to review to be added to the list.

2.5 For Members' information this means that the following is the current table for the Constitution Review 2022/23:

Date of Standards Committee meeting	Area for Review
13 th July 2022	This report

31 st August 2022	(a) Update on “housekeeping” review of the Constitution. (b) Employee Code of Conduct (c) Proper Officer Provisions
2 nd November 2022	(a) Planning Protocol (b) Members’ Code of Conduct.
1 st February 2023	(a) Review of terms of reference of Partnership Forum and Investment Forum or their replacements. (b) Terms of reference of Asset Management Group (AMG)
19 th April 2023	Yet to be determined.

2.6 Further areas for review will be added to the list as agreed by Standards Committee at future meetings.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 To ensure that the Council’s Constitution is fit for purpose and regularly reviewed.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Members may consider alternative options to any proposals put forward, where legally permitted.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	



**North East
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Standards Committee Annual Report 2021/22

Standards Committee Annual Report 2021/22

Foreword from the Chair of the Standards Committee

[FOREWARD TO BE ADDED BY CHAIR PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL]

The Annual Report outlines the work of the Standards Committee during the municipal year 2021/22 and covers the following subjects:

- 1 Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee
- 2 Parish/Town Council Representatives
- 3 Register of Interests Forms
- 4 Complaints received during 2021/22
- 5 Reports of Independent Persons
- 6 Local Government Ombudsman Complaints 2021/22
- 7 Policy and Constitution Review Work
- 8 Guidance and reports considered by the Committee

1. Chair and Vice Chair of Standards Committee 2021/22

- 1.1. At the Annual Council meeting in April 2021, Councillor William Armitage was appointed as the Chair of Standards Committee, with Councillor Heather Liggett appointed as the Vice Chair.

2. Appointment of Parish/Town Council Representatives

- 2.1. During 2021/22 two new Parish and Town Council Representatives were elected as co-opted Members of the Committee. Pat Coleman of Wingerworth Parish Council and Trevor Collins of Wingerworth Parish Council.

3. Register of Interests Forms

- 3.1. Register of Interest Forms for District and Parish Councillors continue to be issued to and completed by new councillors, following by-elections or co-option.
- 3.2. Councillors are also reminded to update their Register of Interests within 28 days of any changes.
- 3.3. All completed forms that had been returned have been published on the District Council's website.
- 3.4. As part of the roll out of the Modern.Gov system, the Governance department are looking to enable these forms to be completed electronically by District Council Members using the Modern.Gov system. Standards Committee will receive further details of these proposals at a future date.

4. Complaints received during 2021/22

- 4.1. The Council received five complaints relating to members acting in their capacities as Parish/Town Councillors, and four complaints relating to a NEDDC District Councillor. One complaint related to both a District and a Parish Councillor. Of the complaints, nine resulted in no further action and one complaint resulted in the Councillor being advised to apologise and attend a Member training event.
- 4.2. During the previous year (2020/21) 18 complaints were received against a District, Parish or Town Councillor.

5. Reports of Independent Persons

- 5.1. During the course of 2021/22 it became necessary to recruit a new Independent Person following the resignation of one of the two Independent Persons. The recruitment exercise was so successful that Council on 26 April 2021 was invited to appoint 2 new Independent Persons in addition to the existing Independent Person.
- 5.2. The Council's current three Independent Persons are:

- Amanda Orchard
- David Richardson
- Graham Hudson

5.3. The Independent Persons have been asked to provide a brief report of their activities.

6. Local Government Ombudsman Complaints 2021/22

6.1 The Council received its Annual Review letter from the Local Government Ombudsman on the 21 July 2021. It contained information on how many complaints and enquiries had been referred to the Local Government Ombudsman and how many complaints were upheld or referred back for local resolution.

6.2 There were 13 complaints and enquiries submitted to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman. Three of these were not investigated, four complaints were not received by NEDDC and therefore did not follow the required process, one related to a premature complaint and was referred back for local resolution, three complaints were not within scope of the Council's policy as they related to Rykneld Homes and, two complaints were upheld by the LG&SCO.

6.3 Of the two upheld complaints the recommendations were as follows:

- Complaint 20003123 was upheld by the LG&SCO it was recommended that the Council offer to obtain and plant a semi-mature evergreen tree that would provide some screening to the complainant's kitchen and balcony. Provide an apology and a payment of £100 to reflect the frustration and inconvenience caused through the Council's handling of the complaint.
- Complaint 20004769 was upheld by the LG&SCO as there was evidence of fault causing injustice which the Council agreed to remedy. It was recommended that the Council apologise to the complainant, pay £250 to acknowledge the frustration and uncertainty of its poor communication that it had caused. Offer to reinstate noise monitoring equipment and review how it communicates with complainants to ensure it's clear about the action it's proposing to take around whether or not noise is a statutory nuisance.

7. Policy and Constitution Review Work

7.1 Constitution Review

The Standards Committee have undertaken their duty to carry out a review of the Constitution. All revisions were put to the April meeting of Council for approval which included:

- Questions by Members to Meetings of Council
- Debt Write Off Limits
- Proper Officer Provisions in respect of Public Health

- New TORS for JSCC
- Review of the Guidance and Constitutional Rules on Public Speaking at Council.
- Training Requirements for Councillors.
- Renumbering of the Articles.
- Delegation Scheme – Property Sale.
- Petitions Scheme.
- MO Delegations.
- Clarifications on Delegations Scheme in relation to ACPA 20112.
- Planning and Licensing Decisions (rejected).
- Delegations for Officers in Acting-Up Positions.
- Renaming of the JEAC to the EAC.
- Licensing Sub-Committees.
- Delegations in relation to the Management Agreement with Rykneld.
- Housekeeping Changes (Such as formatting and job titles)

7.2 **Whistle-blowing Policy**

At its meeting on 26 January 2022 the Standards Committee considered the Whistleblowing Policy.

North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council have previously had in place a Joint Whistleblowing Policy. This has now been adapted to a North East Derbyshire only policy.

In accordance with the Whistleblowing Policy, the Monitoring Officer has overall responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the Policy, and will maintain a record of concerns raised and the outcomes. The current Whistleblowing Policy has been reviewed by Standards and no substantive changes were recommended other than housekeeping amendments.

The Monitoring Officer is also required to report as necessary to Council on instances of Whistleblowing. There have been no instances to report for the 2021 calendar year.

7.3 **The Councillors Code of Conduct**

The Standards Committee considered a report that outlined a new Code of Conduct for Councillors based on the new Local Government Association Moral Code at their meeting on the 30 June 2021. This was recommended to Council and approved at the Council meeting on 12 July 2021.

Standards Committee considered that training should be undertaken on the Code of Conduct for Councillors and a number of training events for District and Parish Councillors took place towards the end of 2021.

The Monitoring Officer, and the Standards Committee, were obliged to publicise the adoption of the new Code to the Parish and Town Councils in the North East Derbyshire Council area and recommend it to each for adoption.

8. Guidance and reports considered by the Committee

As part of the Committee's remit, the Committee considered a review of the RIPA policy and proposals for training relevant officers. RIPA is the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and is the legislation which regulates the use of covert surveillance in the public sector for the more serious offences. Although it is little used by the Council, as it is preferred that investigations are overt, it is necessary for the policy and training to be kept up to date. The Council is inspected regularly (about every 3 years) by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office whether or not the powers have been used. The latest light touch inspection was carried out in 2021.

The Committee also carried out its annual review of the Gifts and Hospitality Register entries. The Standards Committee noted the entries that had been made and reinforced the guidance on Gifts and Hospitality. As part of the Mod.Gov implementation this will become an electronic process.

In accordance with the Standards Committee Terms of Reference, the committee reviewed attendance at Member Training events. Sadly attendance was not as good as would be liked.

The Standards Committee approved an advice sheet (Aide Memoire) on Member and Officer Relations for circulating to all Members. This was a simple reminder of the rules applicable to both officers and members.

9. Monitoring Officer

During the course of the year, the Council approved the establishment of a full time Monitoring Officer for the Council. This came into effect from the beginning of February 2022. This has and continues to provide considerable extra resource to the Council.

APPENDIX A REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT PERSONS – To Follow

Report of the Independent Persons 2021/2022

Report of Graham Hudson:

February 2022

A complaint was raised about an alleged irregularity in declaring an interest at a meeting in that it was not declared at the earliest opportunity. In this case I fully agreed with the Monitoring Officer's opinion that the formal record of the meeting (minutes) be used to determine the facts and that there was no breach of the code of conduct.

November 2021

A complaint against a Councillor for using derogatory language was reviewed. While I agreed with the Monitoring Officer that there had not been a serious breach of the Code of Conduct, it should be noted by members that phrases, however light hearted they may appear at face value, have the potential to have a far deeper meaning to those persons at which they are directed, particularly in relation to their mental health. The draft findings were that there was not a serious breach of the Councillor's Code of Conduct. I agreed with this and the recommendations that members should be reminded of the Social Media Policy and specifically its links to the Code of Conduct.

June 2021

This complaint was made in relation to Councillors speaking at a planning committee meeting. The complainant having had their application declined, objected to Councillors who were not on the committee speaking at the meeting from the public gallery. This was found to be entirely in line with procedures and therefore no breach of the Code of Conduct.

Report of Amanda Orchard:

I have been engaged on very few occasions during the last financial year which is usually an indication of a fairly low levels of complaint/conflict between councillors and the public. I have only been engaged with as a first step in the process on one occasion which I'm pleased to say has meant that matters haven't progressed further to a hearing stage. I am delighted that this is the position of the Council but remain on hand to offer advice where appropriate from an independent perspective.

Report of David Richardson:

I was appointed as an Independent Person to the Council at the beginning of 2021/22. During the last year, I was consulted on two complaints, each against Members of Parish Councils. In both cases I was satisfied the complaints procedures had been properly applied and that officers had proportionately investigated the allegations. I broadly concurred with the conclusions reached about the complaints. Although I was not entirely convinced that a breach of the Code had occurred in one case, the matter was finely balanced and I was satisfied the Investigating Officer's contrary view was not an unreasonable judgment.

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

13 July 2022

Complaint Update Report

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Classification: This report is public.

Report By: Sarah Sternberg, Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer, sarah.sternberg@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

Contact Officer: Asher Bond, Governance Officer – asher.bond@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To provide Standards Committee with an update on the number of complaints that have been received and what action has been taken on these within Quarter One of the financial year 2021/22

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Standards Committee notes the complaints update.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
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Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	No

Links to Council Plan (NED) priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 Under Section 28 (6) and (7) of the Localism Act 2011, the Council must have in place “arrangements” under which allegations that a member or co-opted member of the Council or parish or town council within its area has failed to comply with that Authority’s Code of Conduct can be investigation and decisions made on such allegations.
- 1.2 The Council has adopted a Code of Conduct for Members. Each parish or town council is also required to adopt a Code of Conduct.

- 1.3 The Monitoring Officer is a senior officer of the Authority who has the statutory responsibility for administering the system in respect of complaints of member misconduct.
- 1.4 Standards Committee is to receive regular reports from the Monitoring Officer on the number of complaints against members, how they are progressing, what decisions have been made and what action taken.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 In Quarter one of the financial year 2022/23, four complaints had been closed and one remained open.
- 2.2 Of the four, three were not found to have breached the Code of Conduct.
- 2.3 One complaint was found to have breached the Code of Conduct within the areas of dealing with people appropriately and remaining objective. The reasons for this decision are contained with appendix 1 of the report.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Under the North East Derbyshire District Council’s Constitution It is a function of the Standards Committee to receive regular update reports from the Monitoring Officer on the number of complaints received against members, how they are progressing, what decisions have been made and what actions taken.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There are no alternative options to consider as part of this report.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Complaint Update Report
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	

NEDDC COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST MEMBERS – QUARTERLY UPDATE

List of Cases which do not proceed to investigation

DATE OF RECEIPT	PART OF CODE OF CONDUCT ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN BREACHED	NAME OF COUNCIL	WHETHER A POTENTIAL BREACH WAS FOUND	REASONS FOR DECISION
21/09/21 7/2021	Accountability / Dealing with people appropriately and respectfully. Honesty / Remaining Objective	Shirland and Higham Parish Council	Yes – Dealing with people appropriately / Remaining Objective	It was considered that the Member's response to comments made against them was disproportionate, overzealous and could be said to be intimidating in nature. The Member also failed to apologise for their actions and it is unlikely that they would be able to remain objective when considering matters relating to individuals and/or organisations involved in the incident.
07/09/21 09/2021	Valuing Colleagues / Engaging with them appropriately Treating people with respect. Providing Leadership	Shirland and Higham Parish Council	No	It was considered that due to external factors and unusual circumstances the nature of the disagreement had been accelerated but this amounted more to 'rough and tumble' politics than a breach of the Code of Conduct.
16/01/22 01/2022	Acting with integrity / Exercising	North East Derbyshire	No	The complaint was withdrawn

NEDDC COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST MEMBERS – QUARTERLY UPDATE

	reasonable diligence	District Council		
25/04/22 02/2022	Acting with Integrity and honesty / Treating other Members with respect / Improper use of position	Ashover Parish Council	No	The Member declared an interest at the appropriate time

One complaint is currently ongoing, and was received on 30.05.22

NEDDC Standards Committee work programme 2022/23		
Meeting Date	Area for review	Comments
13 th July 2022	<p>Review of the Constitution</p> <p>Standards Committee Annual Report</p> <p>Complaints update</p>	Report to set out areas to look at and when
31 st August 2022	<p>Review of the Constitution Part 1</p> <p>(a) Employee Code of Conduct</p> <p>(b) Proper Officer Provisions</p> <p>Member Training Attendance update</p> <p>Code of Corporate Governance</p> <p>Complaints update</p>	Part of the Annual Governance Statement which Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny approves as part of the Accounts.
2 nd November 2022	<p>Review of the Constitution Part 2</p> <p>(a) Planning Protocol</p> <p>(b) Members' Code of Conduct.</p> <p>RIPA Annual Review</p> <p>Whistleblowing Policy Review</p> <p>Complaints update</p>	
1 st February 2023	<p>Review of the Constitution Part 3</p> <p>(a) Review of terms of reference of Partnership Forum and Investment Forum or their replacements.</p>	

	<p>(b) Terms of reference of Asset Management Group (AMG)</p> <p>(c) Xxx</p> <p>Member Training Attendance</p> <p>Consideration of Induction Proposals for the ethical framework</p> <p>Gifts and Hospitality Review 2022</p> <p>Complaints update</p>	
19 th April 2023	<p>Review of the Constitution Part 4</p> <p>(a) Xxx</p> <p>(b) Xxx</p> <p>(c) Xxx</p> <p>Complaints update</p>	