

## Complaints considered under the Members' Complaints Procedure – 2015/16

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<b>21/2015</b>	04/02/2016	N/A	18/02/2016	Decided that an investigation should take place.	15/05/2016	N/A	N/A	25/05/2016

This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member at a meeting of Council. The MO consulted with an IP on 18 February 2016. The MO decided that an investigation should take place. The investigation was completed on 15 May. The complaint was carried over to the 2016/17 municipal year. The MO decided, following consultation with the IP, to uphold two out of four of the allegations. The MO, in agreement with the Chair and the IP, utilised paragraph 19 of the procedure for considering complaints so that the complaint was referred to the Standards Committee not for a hearing but to consider a sanction. At a meeting of the Standards Committee on 25 October 2016, the decision was upheld and it was proposed that the subject member issue an apology, however, when put to the vote this was unsuccessful.

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<b>23/2015</b>	27/04/2016	N/A	10/05/2016	No breach of the Code of Conduct.	N/A	N/A	N/A	06/06/2016

This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member in relation to ward matters. The MO consulted with an IP on 10 May 2016. The complaint was carried over to the 2016/17 municipal year. The MO decided, following consultation with the IP, that the complaint did not cross the threshold of seriousness to warrant an investigation.

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<b>24/2015</b>	09/05/2016	N/A	10/05/2016	Decided an investigation should take place.	22/07/2016	N/A	N/A	02/08/2016

This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member in relation to a Mayoral event. The MO consulted with an IP on 10 May 2016 and decided that an investigation should take place. The complaint was carried over to the 2016/17 municipal year. The investigation was completed on 22 July. The MO decided, following consultation with the IP, to uphold three out of four of the allegations. The MO, in agreement with the Chair and the IP, utilised paragraph 19 of the procedure for considering complaints so that the complaint was referred to the Standards Committee not for a hearing but to consider a sanction. At a meeting of the Standards Committee on 25 October 2016, the decision was upheld and it was agreed that the subject member be asked to write a letter of explanation to the relevant Residents' Association.

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<b>25/2015</b>	09/05/2016	N/A	17/05/2016	Decided an investigation should take place.	06/10/2016	31/01/2017	Partially upheld.	02/02/2017

This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member in relation to postings on Facebook and a distributed leaflet. The MO consulted with an IP on 17 May 2016. The complaint was carried over the 2016/17 municipal year. The MO decided that an investigation should take place and this was completed on 6 October. The MO decided, following consultation with the IP, to uphold the Facebook element of the complaint. At a meeting of the Standards Committee on 25 October 2016, it was agreed that the Monitoring Officer should seek the views of the subject member, following the subject member's receipt of the final draft decision, to determine the final outcome of the complaint. Following correspondence between the MO and the subject member, the MO referred the matter for a hearing of the Committee for final determination. At a meeting of the Committee on 31 January 2017, part of the complaint was upheld and it was agreed that the subject member be asked to write a letter of apology to the Committee for breaching the Code of Conduct and that a copy be forwarded to the complainant, if it was received.

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<b>01/2016</b>	03/08/2016	N/A	04/08/2016	Decided an investigation should take place.	26/08/2016	N/A	N/A	31/08/2016

This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member in relation to comments made in a letter sent to the complainant. The MO consulted with an IP on 4 August 2016 and decided that an investigation should take place. The investigation was completed on 26 August. The MO decided, following consultation with the IP, that the elected member had not breached the Code of Conduct.

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<b>02/2016</b>	19/08/2016	N/A	01/09/2016	Decided that an investigation should take place.	24/09/2016	N/A	N/A	26/09/2016

This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of three elected members in relation to a ward meeting that was advertised to take place. The MO consulted with an IP on 1 September 2016 and decided that an investigation should take place. The investigation was completed on 24 September. The MO decided, following consultation with the IP, that the elected members had not breached the Code of Conduct.

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<b>04/2016</b>	02/09/2016	N/A	16/09/2016	Decided that the complaint be dismissed.	16/09/2016	N/A	N/A	30/09/2016

This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member in relation to correspondence about Nottingham Road Cemetery. The DMO consulted with an IP on 16 September and decided that one element of the complaint did not cross the threshold of seriousness to warrant investigation and that the other fell outside of the Code of Conduct.



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<b>05/2016</b>	16/09/2016	N/A	22/09/2016	Decided that the complaint be dismissed.	N/A	N/A	N/A	14/10/2016

This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member in relation to comments that the elected member made to the media. The DMO consulted with an IP on 22 September 2016 and decided that it was not in the public interest to investigate one element of the complaint and the other should not be investigated because it could be considered to be vexatious, malicious, obsessive or partisan.

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<b>06/2016</b>	21/10/16	N/A	28/10/16	Decided that the complaint be dismissed.	N/A	N/A	N/A	22/11/16
This complaint was made by an elected member about the conduct of an elected member in relation to comments made about the complainant on Facebook. The MO consulted with an IP and decided that the complaint did not cross the threshold of seriousness to warrant an investigation.								



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<b>08/2016</b>	29/01/17	16/02/17	22/02/17	Decided to seek further information.				

This complaint was made by an elected member about the conduct of an elected member in relation to the subject member allegedly swearing at the Complainant. The MO consulted with an IP and decided that the time period be extended while further information was considered.

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<b>09/2016</b>	08/02/17		16/03/17	Decided to seek further information.				
<p>This complaint was made by an elected member about the conduct of an elected member in relation to the subject member allegedly taking photos of a meeting in the Council house. The DMO consulted with an IP and decided that the time period be extended while further information was considered.</p>								

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<b>10/2016</b>	14/02/17							

This complaint is on hold pending the submission of information from the complainant.

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<b>11/2016</b>	20/02/17		28/02/17					
This complaint was made by an elected member about the conduct of an elected member in relation to comments the subject member allegedly made on Twitter. The MO has begun consulting with an IP.								

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<b>12/2016</b>	03/03/17	N/A	15/03/17					
This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member in relation to the subject member's alleged actions. The MO has begun consulting with an IP.								



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<b>13/2016</b>	01/03/17		15/03/17					
This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member in relation to the subject member allegedly failing to answer a supplementary question at a meeting of Council and the use of personal data about the complainant. The DMO has begun consulting with an IP.								

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<b>14/2016</b>	09/03/17		15/03/17					
This complaint was made by an elected member about the conduct of an elected member in relation to the subject members alleged actions at a meeting of Council. The MO has begun consulting with an IP.								