

Member Complaints – Monitoring Officer Rolling Record

Ref:	Receipt of Complaint	Member	Complainant	Nature of Complaint	Investigation	Standards Hearing	Outcome	Status (Open/closed)
MC 4/20	16 July 2020	Single Member	Officer	Code of Conduct	The fact-finding process is now complete with informal resolution being the preferred outcome.	To be determined	The matter is ongoing - Member is suffering from health issues.	Open
MC 2/21	21 October 2021	Single Member	Member of Public	Code of Conduct	A matter not unconnected to a referral to Parliamentary Commissioner for Local Government. Further details were requested of Complainant	No	<p>It was dismissed by Monitoring Officer by virtue of <b>Code of Conduct paragraph 15.6</b></p> <p><i>“15.6 The Monitoring Officer may dismiss a complaint without resort to further investigation if they are of the opinion that the complaint is (any one of the following or more): a. lacking in evidence b. fails to identify any breach c. politically motivated d. vexatious e. repetitive f. defamatory g. has no reasonable prospect of success h. about a Council service. Such a complaint will be referred to the relevant service area in accordance with the Council's complaints policy.”</i></p> <p>It was determined the Complaint is without evidence to support the accusations of breaches of the Code of Conduct, and as such has no reasonable prospect of success.</p> <p>and <b>paragraph 16.1 ‘Public Interest Test’</b>. Being that the Monitoring Officer operates in accordance with best practice guidance issued by the Committee for Standards in Public life and will not be undertaking investigations that do not support these objectives because they will not in the public interest. In addition, resources are limited and so the Monitoring Officer focuses on the investigation of significant matters which go to the heart of the relationship between Councillors and the public they serve. It is not in the public interest to focus on matters which are either vexatious, trivial, petty, party political, have no realistic prospect of success, without evidence.</p> <p>Summary - It is not in the public interest for this Complaint to be pursued with public resources by the Monitoring Officer on grounds 15.6 (a), (b), (d) &amp; (g) and so must be dismissed.</p>	Closed
MC 3/21	Dec 2021	Single Member	Member of Public	Code of Conduct	Fact finding process	-	The matter is ongoing	Open