

Annex 1 Annual Report – Member Code of Conduct Complaints (Buckinghamshire Council): April 2022 – March 2023

Notes

- 1, 2 (same subject) and 9 – related to Cllr A
- 3 – Cllr B
- 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (all on the same subject) – Cllr C
- 10 and 14 – Cllr D
- 11, 12 and 13 (all on the same subject) – Cllr E (ward member)
- 15 – Cllr F
- 16 – Cllr G
- 17 – Cllr H
- 18 – Cllr I

All timeframes met except Complaint 11, which took 3 days more than the 15-day target for an Initial Assessment.

Shading = previously reported to Committee

Unshaded = not previously reported to Committee

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Origin	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
1.	11/05/22	16/05/22	Fellow councillor	Initial Assessment 5 days	Respect - failure to show respect to fellow councillors and to correspondents in email communication	No. Right to free speech; comment relevant to context.
2.	12/05/22	16/05/22	Fellow councillor	Initial Assessment 4 days	Respect - failure to show respect to fellow councillors	No. Right to free speech; comment relevant to context.

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3.	02/10/22	21/10/22	Public	Initial Review 15 days	Bias in chairing a meeting.	No evidence of bias. No case to answer.
4.	03/10/22	30/11/22	Public	Stage 1 8.5 weeks	Respect – disability discrimination in a meeting context	No. Refresher training for staff and members.
5.	05/10/22	30/11/22	Public	Stage 1 8 weeks	Respect – disability discrimination in a meeting context	No. Refresher training for staff and members.
6.	06/10/23	01/12/22	Public	Stage 1 8 weeks	Respect – disability discrimination in a meeting context	No. Refresher training for staff and members.
7.	07/10/22	01/12/22	Public	Stage 1 8 weeks	Respect – disability discrimination in a meeting context	No. Refresher training for staff and members.
8.	07/10/22	01/12/22	Public	Stage 1 8 weeks	Respect – disability discrimination in a meeting context	No. Refresher training for staff and members.
9.	10/10/22	31/10/22	Public	Initial Review 15 days	Respect - disrespect; not showing due diligence when posting on social media	No evidence of disrespect or undue diligence. No case to answer.

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10.	21/10/22	20/12/22	Parish Councillor	Stage 1 6 weeks	Respect – rude and insistent comments towards parish clerk and councillors	No breach. Parish Council and Subject Councillor should discuss informally
11.	17/11/22	15/12/22	Public	Initial Assessment 19 days (additional time taken to query evidence)	Failure to declare hospitality	No breach. No evidence that registration necessary.
12.	24/11/22	15/12/22	Public	Initial Assessment 14 days	Failure to declare hospitality	No breach. No evidence that registration necessary.
13.	02/12/22	15/12/22	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Failure to declare hospitality	No breach. No evidence that registration necessary.
14.	16/12/22	11/01/23	Public	Initial Assessment 15 days	Respect – disrespect towards parish councillor	No breach. Parish Council and Subject Councillor should discuss informally
15.	16/01/22	06/03/23	Public	Stage 1 7 weeks	Failure to declare/register interests. Bias and predetermination	No breach. No evidence of failure or of bias/predetermination
16.	15/02/23	28/02/23	Officer	Stage 1 9 days	Respect – brusque towards a member of staff	No breach. Apology given.

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17.	28/02/23	15/03/23	Public	Initial Assessment 11 days	Respect – failure to respond to queries	No breach. Councillor had responded.
18.	13/03/23	15/03/23	Fellow councillor	Initial Assessment 2 days	Respect – misrepresented fellow councillor's views to the public	No breach. No misrepresentation evident. Article 10 rights to freedom of expression prevail.