

Annex 1 Annual Report – Member Code of Conduct Complaints (Buckinghamshire Council): April 2023 – March 2024

Notes: Complaints were made about 13 Buckinghamshire Councillors. Six councillors were the subject of more than one complaint:

Cllr A: the subject of complaints 1 and 9 **Cllr B:** 6 and 11 (same instance) **Cllr C:** 4, 15, 17 and 19 **Cllr D:** 8 and 18

Cllr E: 13 and 14 (same instance) **Cllr F:** 20-27 (same instance)

All timeframes met except in three instances (Complaints 12, 13 and 16) where additional information was needed. Shading = previously reported to Committee (Quarters 1-3) Unshaded = not previously reported to Committee (Quarter 4)

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Origin	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
1.	29/03/23	17/05/23	Officer	Stage 1 Within 35 days	Respect – alleged disparaging remark	No. Informally resolved, apology given
2.	04/05/23	18/05/23	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Predetermination and bias.	No, Code not evidentially engaged
3.	08/05/23	09/05/23	Public	Initial Assessment 1 day	Respect – failure to respond to correspondence	No, Code not evidentially engaged
4.	21/05/23	01/06/23	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Respect – failure to respond to correspondence	No, Code not evidentially engaged
5.	15/06/23	09/08/23	Public	Initial Assessment	Conflict of interest	No, Code not evidentially engaged

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6.	29/06/23	30/06/23	Parish Councillor	Initial Assessment 1 day	Breach of personal data	No, Code not evidentially engaged
7.	29/06/23	03/07/23	Public	Initial Assessment 2 days	Non-response to emails	No, Code not evidentially engaged
8.	04/07/23	25/07/23	Public	Initial Assessment 15 days	Acting counter to Council policy; misleading the public	No, Code not evidentially engaged
9.	04/07/23	14/07/23	Public	Initial Assessment 10 days	Breach of personal data	No, Code not evidentially engaged
10.	08/07/23	26/07/23	Public	Initial Assessment 13 days	Contributed to disrepute by encouraging the bypassing of formal liaison between principal and parish councils	No, councillor had no such role.
11.	08/07/23	09/08/23	Public	Stage 1 22 days	Contributed to disrepute by not discouraging the bypassing of formal liaison between principal and parish councils	No. Events relate to governance matter between councils, not a conduct issue.
12.	10/07/23	01/09/23	Public	Stage 1	Breach of hospitality policy	No. No conflict of interest. Cllr

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13.	10/07/23	01/09/23	Public	Stage 1 37 days (2 days outside time)	Breach of hospitality policy	No. No conflict of interest. Cllr encouraged to seek advice in future.
14.	13/07/23	01/09/23	Public	Stage 1 35 days	Breach of hospitality policy	No. No conflict of interest. Cllr encouraged to seek advice in future.
15.	14/08/23	01/09/23	Public	Initial Assessment 13 days	Non-response to emails	No. Not a Code issue. Substance was quasi-judicial; not appropriate to comment.
16.	24/08/23	21/09/23	Public	Initial Assessment 19 days (4 days outside time)	Non-response to emails	No. Not a Code issue. Constituency discretion.
17.	20/09/23	09/10/23	Public	Initial Assessment 13 days	Non-response to emails	No, Code not evidentially engaged

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18.	22/09/23	03/10/23	Public	Initial Assessment 7 days	Non-response to emails	No, Code not evidentially engaged
19.	21/12/23	21/12/23	Public	Initial Assessment 1 day	Non-response to emails	No, Code not evidentially engaged
20.	24/01/24	07/02/24	Public	Initial Assessment 10 days	Failure to show respect in historic social media posts	No, Code not engaged; councillor not a member of the council at the time
21.	25/01/24	07/02/24	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Failure to show respect in historic social media posts	No, Code not engaged; councillor not a member of the council at the time
22.	25/01/24	07/02/24	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Failure to show respect in historic social media posts	No, Code not engaged; councillor not a member of the council at the time
23.	25/01/24	07/02/24	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Failure to show respect in historic social media posts	No, Code not engaged; councillor not a member of the

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24.	25/01/24	07/02/24	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Failure to show respect in historic social media posts	No, Code not engaged; councillor not a member of the council at the time
25.	25/01/24	07/02/24	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Failure to show respect in historic social media posts	No, Code not engaged; councillor not a member of the council at the time
26.	26/01/24	07/02/24	Public	Initial Assessment 8 days	Failure to show respect in historic social media posts	No, Code not engaged; councillor not a member of the council at the time
27.	07/02/24	07/02/24	Public	Initial Assessment 1 day	Failure to show respect in historic social media posts	No, Code not engaged; councillor not a member of the council at the time