

**Annex 2 Annual Report – Member Code of Conduct Complaints (Parish and Town Councils): April 2023 – March 2024**

**Notes:** 14 individual parish/town councillors were the subject complaints:

**Cllr A:** complaints 1-2, 9, 14 **Cllr B:** 3 **Cllr C:** 4 **Cllr D:** 5, 7-8 **Cllr E:** 6 **Cllr F:** 10 **Cllr G:** 11, 21 **Cllr H:** 12, 17-19 **Cllr I:** 13 **Cllr J:** 15, 23  
**Cllr K:** 19 **Cllr L:** 20 **Cllr M:** 21 **Cllr N:** 22

**The Parish Councils:** The complaints below related to members from the following councils:

Aylesbury Town Council	Buckingham Town Council
Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	Downley Parish Council
Gerrards Cross Town Council	Hughenden Parish Council
Marlow Town Council	Princes Risborough Town Council
Weston Turville Parish Council	Wing Parish Council

Complaints were dealt with in accordance with timeframes apart from Complaints 3, 5, 10, 12 and 14 (in those cases additional information was needed/sought). 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.	10/02/23	22/11/23	Anonymous (name known to Monitoring Officer)	Stage 3 9 months	Respect, disrepute, misuse of information - published personal data online	Yes, disrespect, bullying; misuse of information; failure to engage.

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2.	22/03/23	04/04/23	Public	Initial Assessment 9 days	Respect – inappropriate remarks	No, Code not evidentially engaged.
3.	03/04/23	14/06/23	Fellow councillor	Stage 1  (1.5 weeks over the usual 35 days)	Respect – made a derogatory remark  Unreasonably withheld information	No, Code not evidentially engaged.
4.	19/05/23	08/06/23	Public	Initial Assessment 13 days	Unreasonably withheld information from decision makers	No, Code not evidentially engaged.
5.	28/06/23	07/08/23	Public	Initial Assessment  <i>6 weeks – complainant given additional time to provide evidence (none received)</i>	Withheld information from agenda; failure to declare interest	No, Code not evidentially engaged
6.	29/06/23	30/06/23	Fellow councillor	Initial Assessment 1 day	Authority into dispute for Facebook post	No, Code not evidentially engaged; freedom of speech in any case
7.	05/07/23	09/08/23	Fellow councillor	Stage 1 24 days	Bringing authority into disrepute;	No, actions well-meaning; issues more about

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<b>8.</b>	08/07/23	09/08/23	Public	Stage 1 23 days	Bringing authority into disrepute; councillor acted without authority	No, actions well-meaning; issues more about governance than conduct.
<b>9.</b>	10/07/23	20/12/23	Public	Stage 2 5 months	Breach of personal data; bringing the council into disrepute	Informal resolution; advise referral to ICO. Provide guidance to subject member
<b>10.</b>	22/07/23	18/08/23	Public	Initial Review  <i>4 weeks – complainant given time to supply evidence (none given)</i>	Interests, bias and predetermination	No – no evidence supplied.
<b>11.</b>	10/09/23	30/10/23	Public	Initial Assessment  6 weeks	Decision making flawed	No, Code not evidentially engaged.

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<b>12.</b>	18/09/23	17/11/23	Fellow councillor	Stage 1  2 months (5 days over the usual 35)	Failure to declare interests; undue pressure on colleagues; inappropriate spending	No, Code not evidentially engaged; no evidence of inappropriate spending
<b>13.</b>	22/09/22	03/10/23	Public	Initial Assessment  7 days.	Misled the public; brought council into disrepute	No, Code not evidentially engaged. Issues relate to council's own governance.
<b>14.</b>	28/09/23	05/12/23	Parish Council	Stage 1  2 months (5 days over the usual 35)	Failure to discharge sanctions from previous breaches	Potential Stage 2
<b>15.</b>	16/10/23	14/11/23	Public	Stage 1  1 month	Appropriated/used council property for own purposes	Informal resolution – advice given to subject councillor.
<b>16.</b>	25/10/23	31/10/23	Public	Initial Assessment  1 week	Deliberately misled the public	No. Did not deliberately mislead the public.*

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<b>17.</b>	25/10/23	25/10/23	Public	Initial Assessment 1 day	Deliberately misled the public	No. Did not deliberately mislead the public.*
<b>18.</b>	27/10/23	31/10/23	Public	Initial Assessment 1 week	Deliberately misled the public	No. Did not deliberately mislead the public.*
<b>19.</b>	02/11/23	06/12/23	Fellow councillors	Stage 1 5 weeks	Non-disclosure of personal interest	No disclosable interest arose
<b>20.</b>	07/11/23	17/11/23	Public	Initial Assessment 1 week	Disrespect by promoting controversial image	No. Article 10 rights to freedom of expression.
<b>21.</b>	22/11/23	19/02/24	Fellow councillor	Stage 1 3 months (5 weeks over usual time; subject cllr chased for comment)	Disrespect/attack on a fellow councillor	No, on further review Code not evidentially engaged
<b>22.</b>	10/01/23	16/02/24	Fellow councillor	Initial Assessment 5 weeks (two weeks over usual time; additional	Disrespect/ attack on a fellow councillor	No, Code not evidentially engaged

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				correspondence with complainant)		
<b>23.</b>	11/01/23	Open complaint	Staff	Stage 1	Disrespect	Informal resolution pending