

## **SCHEDULE OF COMPLAINTS**

### **Complaints subject to formal investigation in accordance with the Arrangements for Dealing with Standards Allegations under the Localism Act 2011**

#### **1. Case Reference: MC/02/0717**

Allegations concerning land sales to a Councillor when displaced from his home by a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). The matter was subject to investigation and resulted in a new allegation that the subject member had not fully co-operated with the investigation. The Councillor and his representative have been given a number of opportunities to engage with the investigator but have not replied to requests to attend meetings and provide comments. A draft report will now be completed in line with the Arrangements. Maxwellization to be completed by 6 March 2020.

#### **2. Case Reference: MC/01/0619**

Allegations arising from a meeting between an Councillor and candidate prior to the 2019 Local Elections in which it is alleged that various inappropriate comments and actions took place in breach of the Members' Code of Conduct and Nolan Principles. An investigation has been undertaken and a draft Investigation Report received by the Monitoring Officer. The 'Maxwellisation' process is underway. Final report imminent.

#### **3. Case Reference: MC/02/0719**

This complaint arose following the review of an historic matter. The review highlighted concerns with the conduct of the investigation. This resulted in an allegation that the Councillor had not co-operated candidly and fully with the investigation. The matter was considered by the Independent person and the DMO and it was determined that a formal investigation was not appropriate.

The Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee was asked to review the DMO decision on 11 November 2019 and determined that the Independent Person had not been provided with all the relevant Information. The Committee referred the matter for re-assessment. The matter is currently being considered by the DMO (who is not the same person as the previous DMO). An alternative Independent Person is awaited before the review of the complaint under the Arrangements can be concluded.

**4. Case Reference: MC/01/0719**

This complaint arose following the review of a historic matter. The review highlighted concerns with the conduct of the investigation and the process that was followed. This resulted in an allegation that the Councillor had not co-operated candidly and fully with the investigation and had not questioned the conduct of others resulting in a potential breach of the members Code of conduct and the Nolan principles. The matter was referred for independent investigation. The DMO has recently received the Investigation Report from the Independent Investigator and is currently considering it and the next course of action.

**Other Matters**

A complaint has been received against a Councillor in which a resident alleges that the Councillor failed to treat the resident with respect and has brought the Council into disrepute. The matter is linked to a long-standing neighbour dispute that does not involve the Councillor directly. The Monitoring Officer has made enquiries and gathered further information from the parties in order to conclude the review of the complaint as required under the Arrangements. A decision notice has been provided to the parties with no further action required.

There is a further matter that was referred to the Monitoring Officer in relation to a Councillors disclosable pecuniary expenses and declared election expenses. Preliminary enquiries have been made by the Monitoring Officer to gauge a better understanding of the issues. The Monitoring Officer is currently determining whether further action is required save for advice and guidance to the subject member by the Monitoring Officer.

A new complaint has been received by the Monitoring Officer alleging inappropriate behaviour and failure to challenge inappropriate behaviour at a meeting of members. This matter is currently under initial assessment by the Monitoring Officer.