

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/020719

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 previous DMO and it was determined that a formal investigation was not appropriate.

The Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee was asked to review the previous DMO decision on 11 November 2019 and determined that the complaint be referred for re-assessment. The re-assessment has been undertaken and the complaint has been referred for a formal investigation, which is ongoing.

Issues arose with regards to the investigation of this matter as a result of having to await for the appointment of a new independent person.

Anticipated draft report - 7 December 2020

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 23 December 2020

Investigator final amendments – 8 January 2021

Anticipated final report – 8 January 2021

Further action if required – to be determined

2. Case Reference: MC/010719

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 investigation which is ongoing.

Issues arose with regard to the investigation, a report was commissioned and deemed unsatisfactory so a new investigator was appointed.

Anticipated draft report - 30 November 2020

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 23 December 2020

Investigator considers feedback – 8 January 2021

Anticipated final report – 8 January 2021

Further action if required – to be confirmed

3. Case reference: MC/120220

A complaint was received that several subject members are alleged to have acted inappropriately in relation to council officers and/or failing to challenge inappropriate behaviour of elected members in breach of the Members' Code of Conduct. This matter has been referred for formal investigation by the Monitoring Officer, which is ongoing.

Various Issues including Covid 19 has contributed to length of time taken to investigate this matter.

Anticipated draft report – 11 December 2020

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 31 December 2020

Investigator considers feedback– 8 January 2021

Anticipated final report – 8 January 2020

Further action if required – to be confirmed

4. Case Reference MC/140520

An allegation was received from a member of the public that a councillor failed to comply with Covid-19 guidance and caused reputational harm to another legal entity; and the subject member allegedly engaged in other inappropriate communications in social media in contravention of the Members' Code of Conduct. This matter has been referred for formal investigation and is ongoing.

This investigation had taken longer than anticipated due personal reasons of the subject member under investigation.

Anticipated draft report – 15 January 2021
Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 31 January 2021
Investigator considers feedback – 5 February 2021
Anticipated final report – 5 February 2021
Further action if required – to be determined

5. Case reference MC/280520

This matter is linked to allegation MC/140520 above. The allegation was made by another complainant that the subject member failed to comply with Covid-19 guidance and then posted comments on social media which were inaccurate and in breach of the Members' Code of Conduct. This matter has been referred for formal investigation.

The investigation of this matter has been delayed due to personal reasons of the subject member.

Anticipated draft report – 15 January 2021
Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 31 January 2021
Investigator considers feedback – 5 February 2021
Anticipated final report – 5 February 2021
Further action if required – to be determined

6. Case reference: MC/010720

An allegation was received that the subject member shared confidential staffing information with another councillor without justification, shared inaccurate information and interfered with an ongoing council process. This matter is linked to MC/O3/0720 below. The matter has been referred to formal investigation.

Anticipated draft report – 3 December 2020
Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 18 December 2020
Investigator considers feedback – 23 December 2020
Anticipated final report – 23 December 2020
Further action if required – to be determined

7. Case reference MC/030720

An allegation was received that a councillor shared confidential staffing information with another councillor. This matter is linked to MC/010720. The matter has been referred to formal investigation.

Anticipated draft report – 3 December 2020

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 18 December 2020

Investigator considers feedback – 23 December 2020

Anticipated final report – 23 December 2020

Further action if required – to be determined

8. Case Reference MC270820-1

A complaint has been made that a subject member has failed to declare his interests in an organisation in breach of the member code of conduct. This matter has been referred for formal investigation.

Anticipated draft report – 3 December 2020

Anticipated final report – 11 December 2020

Further action if required - to be determined

9. Case Reference MC/030920

A complaint was received that an elected member has failed to declare his interests in relation to an organisation and has inappropriately used their position in relation to a land sale in breach of the member code of conduct. This matter has been referred for formal investigation

Anticipated draft report – 30 November 2020

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 18 December 2020

Investigator considers feedback – 23 December 2020

Anticipated final report – 23 December 2020

Further action if required - to be determined

10 Case Reference MC/150920

A complaint has been received regarding a councillor's alleged conduct in relation to domestic arrangements. This matter was referred for formal investigation.

Anticipated draft report – 26 November 2020

Anticipated final report – 4 December 2020

Further action if required – to be determined

11. Case Reference MC/180920

A complaint has been received that a subject member has conducted themselves in a manner contrary to the code of conduct. This matter has been referred for formal investigation.

The investigation of this matter has been delayed due to personal reasons of the subject member.

Anticipated draft report – 15 January 2021

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 31 January 2021

Investigator considers feedback – 5 February 2021

Anticipated final report – 5 February 2021

Further action if required – to be determined

12. Case Reference MC/011020

A complaint has been received that a subject member has made a complaint in relation to other member in breach of the members code of conduct on conduct. The matter has been referred for a formal investigation.

Anticipated draft report – 15 January 2021

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 1 February 2021

Investigator considers feedback – 5 February 2021

Anticipated final report – 5 February 2021

Further action if required – to be determined

Other Matters

Case reference MC/011119

A complaint was received that the subject member alleged that the complainant was involved in the inappropriate treatment of Council officers and made unwarranted and un-evidenced defamatory comments about the complainant. This complaint is linked to complaint MC/120220 above. The Monitoring Officer, after seeking the views of the Independent Person, decided that this complaint could not be dealt with until the outcome of complaint MC/120220 is first known given the nexus of law and fact arising. The matter will therefore be considered upon complaint MC/120220 being concluded.