

## **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 the appointment of a new independent person.

Anticipated draft report– 28 February 2021 ([revised date 19 March 2021](#))

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 14 March 2021 ([revised date 2 April 2021](#))

Investigator considers feedback – 21 March 2021 ([revised date 6 April 2021](#))

Anticipated final report – 21 March 2021 ([revised date 6 April 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.

A draft report has been produced but due to personal circumstances this matter is currently on hold and to be reviewed 22 May 2021

Draft report received – 13 January 2021

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 29 January 2021(revised to be confirmed)

Investigator considers feedback – 12 February 2021(revised to be confirmed)

Anticipated final report – 12 February 2021(revised to be confirmed)

Further action if required – to be confirmed

## 3. **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.

Draft Report Received – 12 February 2021 (revised 19 March 2021)

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 28 February 2021(revised 2 April 2021)

Investigator considers feedback – 5 March 2021(revised 6 April 2021)

Anticipated final report – 5 March 2021(revised 6 April 2021)

Further action if required – to be determined

#### **4. 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.

Draft Report Received – 12 February 2021 (revised 19 March 2021)  
Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 28 February 2021(revised 2 April 2021)

Investigator considers feedback – 5 March 2021(revised 6 April 2021)

Anticipated final report – 5 March 2021(revised 6 April 2021)

Further action if required – to be determined

#### **5. 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.

Draft report received– 15 December 2020

Consultation on draft report received – 15 January 2021

Investigator considers feedback – 29 January 2021 (Revised 12 March 2021)

Anticipated final report – 29 January 2021(revised 12 March 2021)

Further action if required – to be determined

## **6. 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.

Draft report received– 15 December 2020

Consultation on draft report received – 15 January 2021

Investigator considers feedback – 29 January 2021 ([Revised 12 March 2021](#))

Anticipated final report – 29 January 2021([revised 12 March 2021](#))

Further action if required – to be determined

## **7. 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 there position in relation to a land sale in breach of the member 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.

Draft Report Received – 12 February 2021 ([revised 19 March 2021](#))

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 28 February 2021([revised 2 April 2021](#))

Investigator considers feedback – 5 March 2021([revised 6 April 2021](#))

Anticipated final report – 5 March 2021([revised 6 April 2021](#))

Further action if required – to be determined

## **8. 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.

Draft Report Received – 12 February 2021 ([revised 19 March 2021](#))

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 28 February 2021(revised 2 April 2021)

Investigator considers feedback – 5 March 2021(revised 6 April 2021)

Anticipated final report – 5 March 2021(revised 6 April 2021)

Further action if required – to be determined

## **9. Case Reference MC/011020**

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

Anticipated draft report – 12 March 2021

Consultation on draft report (2 weeks) – 28 March 2021

Investigator considers feedback – 9 April 2021

Anticipated final report – 9 April 2021

Further action if required – to be determined