Notice of Standards Committee

Date: Tuesday, 7 July 2026 at 6.00 pm

Venue: HMS Phoebe, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth BH2 6DY

Membership:

Chair: to be elected

Vice Chair: to be elected

Cllr M Andrews
Cllr B Chick
Cllr G Farquhar
Cllr B Nanovo
Cllr R Pattinson-West
Cllr V Ricketts
Cllr G Wright

Independent persons:

Mr P Cashmore
Mr I Sibley

All Members of the Standards Committee are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

29 June 2026

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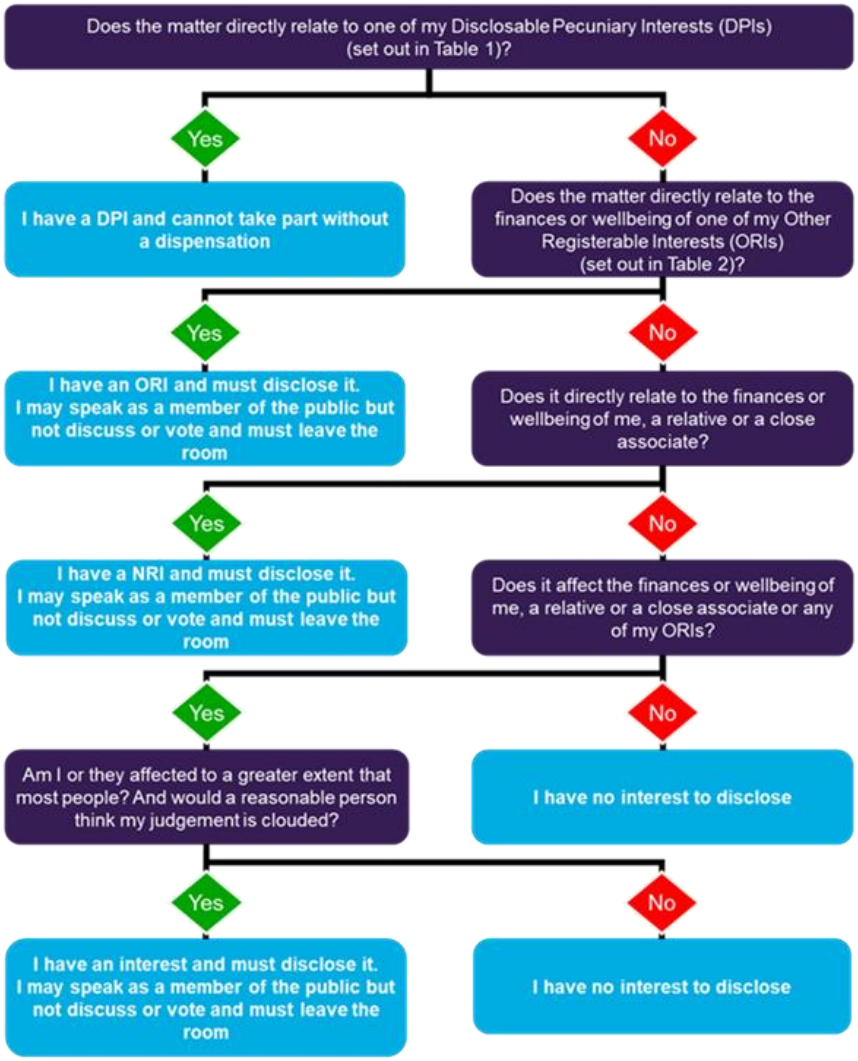
Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests



What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test	Predetermination Test
In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?	At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Members.

2. Substitute Members

To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.

Note – When a member of a Committee is unable to attend a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee, the relevant Political Group Leader (or their nominated representative) may, by notice to the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated representative) prior to the meeting, appoint a substitute member from within the same Political Group. The contact details on the front of this agenda should be used for notifications.

3. Election of Chair

To elect the Chair of the Standards Committee for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.

4. Election of Vice Chair

To elect the Vice Chair of the Standards Committee for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.

5. Declarations of Interests

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

6. Confirmation of Minutes 7 - 12

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 17 March 2026.

7. Public Issues

To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution, which is available to view at the following link:-

https://democracy.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1

The deadline for the submission of public questions is midday on Wednesday 1 July 2026 [midday 3 clear working days before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday on Monday 6 July 2026 [midday the working day before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Monday 22 June 2026 [10

working days before the meeting].

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

8. Code of Conduct Complaints - Update 13 - 28

This report provides Members of the Standards Committee (the Committee) with an update on complaints regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct against councillors received or concluded since the last report to the Committee in March 2026.

The Committee is responsible for maintaining high standards of conduct by Members of BCP Council and the Town and Parish Councils, monitoring the operation of the Code of Conduct, and considering the outcome of commissioned independent investigations.

9. Annual Report on Code of Conduct Complaints 29 - 36

This report provides a summary of complaints received and determined in relation to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by councillors over the four-year period 2022/23 to 2025/26, with a particular focus on the position in 2025/26. The data shows a significant increase in complaints against BCP councillors in 2025/26 compared with the previous year. Complaints from members of the public remain the most common source, while there has also been an increase in complaints made by councillors. Social media continues to be the highest behavioural source of complaint, although complaints relating to the spoken word, typically within formal meetings, have also risen significantly.

The report highlights that allegations relating to respect, bullying or harassment, and conduct bringing the office of councillor or the Council into disrepute remain recurring themes. It also notes that, even where complaints are not upheld, they can require significant officer time, place pressure on governance processes and have wider reputational and organisational consequences. The Standards Committee is asked to review the report and identify any areas for further work in support of its role in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct.

10. Update on the Standards Process Review 37 - 38

To provide the committee with an update regarding the review of the Council's Standards Process.

11. Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer 39 - 40

To retrospectively report the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 6 March 2026 to 7 July 2026.

12. Work Plan 41 - 42

To consider the Committee's Work Plan.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.

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BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 March 2026 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr R Pattinson-West – Vice-Chair, in the Chair

Present:	Cllr M Andrews, Cllr B Chick, Cllr G Farquhar, Cllr R Pattinson-West (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Cllr B Nanovo and Cllr G Wright
Also in attendance:	Ian Sibley and Paul Cashmore, Independent Persons (virtually) Cllr L Dedman, Chair of the Council, to preside over the election of Vice Chair

22. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Vanessa Ricketts.

23. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members on this occasion.

24. Election of Vice-Chair

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Rachel Pattinson-West be elected as Vice Chair for the remainder of the 2026/26 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that Cllr Rachel Pattinson-West be elected as Vice Chair of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

The newly elected Vice Chair presided over the remainder of the meeting.

25. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

26. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 October 2025 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Vice Chair in the Chair.

27. Public Issues

Three public questions were received from Mr McKinstry as follows:

In relation to Agenda Item 8 - Code of Conduct Complaints Update:

Question 1

The report for Item 8 is described in the agenda as "an update on complaints regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct ... received or concluded since the last report to the Committee in October 2025." However, it appears that fifteen complaints have been excluded from tonight's round-up. This is apparent from gaps in the numerical sequence: there is no sign of complaints BCP-230 to 232, or BCP-238 to 249, all inclusive, and none of these were included in October's report (which stopped at BCP-229). Why the apparent omissions?

Response

Thank you for your question and apologies for the confusion with the schedule of complaints. I shall deal with these in numerical order for ease of reference.
Complaints BCP-230, 231, 232 and 238 failed to provide any supporting evidence or insufficient evidence to support their complaint and to link any allegations to an elected councillor. An invitation for additional evidence was requested but this has not been forthcoming. None of these complaints progressed beyond the initial pre-registration stage. The complainants were advised accordingly.

Complaint BCP-239 was registered and assigned a reference number, however, upon initial review it was determined to be out of scope as the issues raised did not relate to potential breaches of the Code of Conduct. The complainant was informed.

Complaint BCP-240 was assigned a reference number following the receipt of email communication, however, the complainant was asked to supply additional details required to commence the complaint. No additional information has been forthcoming.

Complaint references BCP-241 to 249 have not been assigned to any complaints for administrative reasons to avoid the allocation of duplicated numbers.

Question 2

If complaints *have* been excluded from tonight's report, have any Committee members seen anything of these omitted complaints in any way shape or form; and if so, what precisely will have they seen? Would they have been shown a summary of the allegations in each complaint, along with the reasons for dismissal; or a sample of the excluded complaints; or what, exactly?

Response

As detailed in response to the previous question, none of the omitted referenced complaints were complete and have not therefore progressed

beyond the preliminary registration stage. Members of the Standards Committee have not seen any of these complaints.

In relation to Agenda Item 9 - Work Plan and Schedule of Meetings:

Question

This Committee voted for a review of the Code of Conduct complaints procedure on 8 July 2025. On 7 October 2025, the Chair said she had asked for this review to be "expedited ... as we have been promised it for quite some time", and it is indeed listed as a priority item for January 2026 on tonight's workplan. The January 2026 meeting was of course cancelled. Why has the review not been presented to tonight's meeting, therefore; and if the problem is one of resource, how many man hours would it take, roughly, to complete the review, given that the Committee only made two suggestions for this review in the related meetings:
(1) naming errant councillors; and
(2) stopping the closure of complaints by officers where non-compliance arises?

Response

The delay in presenting the review is primarily due to resource and capacity constraints experienced during the Interim Monitoring Officer period, which necessitated the prioritisation of critical activities. Nonetheless, Committee members are scheduled to meet informally to consider the current arrangements, with a view to informing a thorough and comprehensive revision of the procedure. For clarity, this review will not be confined solely to the two issues previously raised but will instead evaluate the complaints procedure in its entirety. Dates are scheduled to commence the review and will be brought back to a future meeting.

[REFERENCES PROVIDED BY MR MCKINSTRY:
Item 9 question
Chair asks for the review to be "expedited ... as we have been promised it" etc:
https://www.youtube.com/live/3rM33t_jR_c?si=zGU27L9YGVgI7J6T&t=25m17s
Committee suggests that errant councillors be named: https://www.youtube.com/live/T-5SSqVH8ZU?si=tzFWH8m3ZO_jA5As&t=37m45 , also https://www.youtube.com/live/T-5SSqVH8ZU?si=s9Dr3sOpIXKV-kOI&t=42m30s
Committee suggests that complaints not be closed in instances of non-compliance: https://www.youtube.com/live/3rM33t_jR_c?si=CEa-0nn1gSXEK-A3&t=22m55s *et. seq*. & especially Cllr Armstrong asking "Is there something we can put in the Constitution about this?" - Chair: "Well we are doing a review of the process ..."]

28. Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer

The Monitoring Officer presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The purpose of the report was to request the Standards Committee retrospectively report the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 1 September 2025 to 6 March 2026.

There was no Committee discussion on this item.

RESOLVED that the Standards Committee note the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 1 September 2025 to 6 March 2026.

Voting: Nem. Con.

An Independent Person read out a joint statement on behalf of both Independent Persons regarding recent adverse national and local press comments about the operation of the Standards Committee.

It was stated that the Committee, comprising Councillors from across the Council, worked in a wholly apolitical manner, with political views left outside the meeting room.

It was further noted that any sanctions available to the Committee following a recognised conduct breach had been restricted by parliamentary legislation.

Finally, it was confirmed that, at the conclusion of each debate, the Chair had consistently invited the Independent Persons to comment on the validity of the process before any decision had been reached by the Councillors present.

29. Code of Conduct Complaints - Update

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report provided Members of the Standards Committee (the Committee) with an update on complaints regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct against councillors received or concluded since the last report to the Committee in October 2025.

The Committee was responsible for maintaining high standards of conduct by Members of BCP Council and the Town and Parish Councils, monitoring

the operation of the Code of Conduct, and considering the outcome of commissioned independent investigations.

Following a query regarding the management of Code of Conduct complaints, the Committee was advised that the timeliness of resolutions had improved. It was explained that managing and considering code of conduct complaints was not a quick process, but that clearer measures were now in place, including recording receipt and closure dates, identifying upheld allegations, and escalating non-compliant cases more effectively. It was also highlighted that a review of the complaints process was due to begin, and it was confirmed that although the position was better than before, there remained further room for improvement.

RESOLVED that the outcome of concluded complaints and the progress of those still outstanding be noted.

30. Work Plan

The Interim Monitoring Officer provided an update noting a slight delay in the review of the Code of Conduct and there was some discussion regarding the process for the review.

A Member highlighted that once the three new town councils were created, it could lead to an increase in the volume of complaints BCP Council may need to administer. Training for new Councillors was identified as a way to mitigate this. It was noted that BCP would not charge for providing induction support, as early engagement on conduct matters was considered beneficial.

In response to a query regarding the Committee's work plan and upcoming induction activities, the Deputy Monitoring Officer confirmed that lessons learnt would help inform the 2027 Induction Programme following the BCP Council elections.

The meeting ended at 6.23 pm

CHAIR

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report subject	**Code of Conduct Complaints - Update**
Meeting date	7 July 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report provides Members of the Standards Committee (the Committee) with an update on complaints regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct against councillors received or concluded since the last report to the Committee in March 2026. The Committee is responsible for maintaining high standards of conduct by Members of BCP Council and the Town and Parish Councils, monitoring the operation of the Code of Conduct, and considering the outcome of commissioned independent investigations.
Recommendations	**It is RECOMMENDED that:** **the outcome of concluded complaints and the progress of those still outstanding be noted.**
Reason for recommendations	This is an opportunity for Members of the Committee to be appraised of details of completed complaints and any outstanding complaints of alleged breaches against the Code of Conduct. This is in accordance with the functions of the Committee and its duty to discharge functions in relation to the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct within the Council and amongst Town and Parish Councils within the area.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Not applicable
Corporate Director	Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive
Report Authors	Robin Watson, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer Richard Jones, Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Wards	Not applicable
Classification	For Information

Background

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary and update of completed and ongoing complaints received regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct under the Localism Act 2011 against Councillors for the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area, including parish and town councils.

Analysis

2. Details of allegations/complaints in relation to the Code of Conduct are outlined in the table set out in paragraph 7 to this report. Cases which were shown as closed in the previous report have been removed from this report.

3. The adopted arrangements for dealing with allegations of breach of the code of conduct for councillors now provides for an initial assessment by the Monitoring Officer, who may, if appropriate:

   (a) reject the complaint on the grounds that it falls outside the scope of a valid Code of Conduct complaint;

   (b) determine that there is no breach of the Code and no further action should be taken;

   (c) where considered appropriate, enter into an early preliminary and informal dialogue with the complainant and the Councillor complained of, and agree a speedy informal resolution of the complaint; or

   (d) refer the complaint to the Chair of Standards Committee for consideration.

4. Where complaints proceed to the Chair of the Standards Committee (in consultation with councillors of the Standards Committee, the Independent Persons and the Monitoring Officer (or their Deputy)), the Chair may decide whether:-

   (a) there is no breach of the Code and no further action should be taken; or

   (b) there is a potential breach of the Code and informal resolution is appropriate, to include for example mediation, training, apology, advice; or

   (c) there is a potential breach of the Code and the Monitoring Officer should undertake or commission an investigation into the complaint with a view to a report then being considered by the Standards Committee.

5. The table contained in this report provides information about of the nature of the complaint, the assessment of the Monitoring Officer (where appropriate), the decision of the Chair (following consultation), any informal resolutions determined by the Chair (where applicable), and the status of the complaint at the date of the report. Where a councillor is found to have potential breached the Code, the table includes reference to those categories which were upheld.

6. Specific detailed information regarding pending complaints has not been provided as this may be prejudicial to the conduct of the ongoing complaints process. Personal details have also not been included to protect both the identity of the subject councillors and the complainant, unless specific direction to the contrary has been expressed.

7. Table 1

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-222 13/08/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Bullying a person • Harassing a person • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person involved in investigation or proceedings	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Currently in progress and discussion with Independent Persons.	Pending
BCP-229 15/09/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Bullying a person • Failure to promote equalities and to not discriminate • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Using or attempting to use the position as a Councillor improperly to confer advantage	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Currently in progress and discussion with Independent Persons.	Pending
BCP-230 10/10/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Bullying a person • Harass a person • Compromise, or attempt to compromise, the impartiality of anyone • Improper use of knowledge • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Using or attempting to use the position as a Councillor improperly to confer advantage • Misuse of council resources • Failure to cooperate with any Code of Conduct investigation and/or	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Insufficient evidence provided with complaint. Evidence requested but none forthcoming within two-month period.	Closed – Incomplete 17/12/2025

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
	determination • Intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person involved in investigation or proceedings		
BCP-231 10/10/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Bullying a person • Harass a person • Failure to promote equalities • Compromise, or attempt to compromise, the impartiality of anyone • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Using or attempting to use the position as a Councillor improperly to confer advantage	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Insufficient evidence provided with complaint. Evidence requested but none forthcoming within two-month period.	Closed – Incomplete 17/12/2025
BCP-232 10/10/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Bullying a person • Harass a person • Failure to promote equalities • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Using or attempting to use the position as a Councillor improperly to confer advantage	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Insufficient evidence provided with complaint. Evidence requested but none forthcoming within two-month period.	Closed – Incomplete 17/12/2025
BCP-233 16/10/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing a person • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Failure to undertake Code of Conduct training	Initially assessed by the Monitoring Officer and subject councillor requested to respond to complaint. Complaint assessed at Chair's consultation meeting. Determination – No Breach	Closed 28/05/2026

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-234 13/10/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing a person • Disclosing confidential information • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Using position as a Councillor improperly as an advantage • Failure to undertake Code of Conduct training	Initially assessed by the Monitoring Officer and subject councillor requested to respond to complaint. Following consultation with committee members and independent persons, the complaint has been referred to an independent investigator to review.	Pending
BCP-237 20/10/2025	• Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person • Compromising impartiality • Disclosing confidential information • Improperly using my knowledge gained as a result of Councillor for personal advancement • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Using position as a Councillor improperly as an advantage • Use of local authority resources and facilities • Failure to disclose personal interests	Initial assessment to be completed by the consultation panel to consider anonymity of the complainant.	Pending
BCP-238 21/10/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Bullying a person • Harass a person • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Insufficient evidence provided with complaint. Evidence requested but none forthcoming. Complaint withdrawn.	Closed – Incomplete and withdrawn 04/11/2025

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-239 28/11/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Determined to be out of scope as the issues raised did not relate to potential breaches of the Code of Conduct.	Closed – Out of scope 19/12/2026
BCP-240 05/11/2025	• No specific breaches referenced	Initial assessment of emailed complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Additional information required but no additional information was received within two-month period.	Closed – Incomplete 07/01/2026
BCP-241 to BCP-249	Reference numbers not used		
BCP-250 19/12/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect (Upheld) • Harassing a person (Dismissed) • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute (upheld)	Initially assessed by the Monitoring Officer and referred to Chair of Committee. Following consultation with committee members and independent persons, the complaint was partially upheld. Subject councillor advised of outcome and requested appropriate apologies – 13/02/2026 To be referred to consultation panel	Pending (pending full compliance)

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-252 19/12/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person • Compromising impartiality	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress & pending information from the complainant. Additional information required but no additional information was received within two-month period. Held in abeyance for 2 months from 16/01/2026	Closed 16/03/2026
BCP-253 19/12/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person • Compromising impartiality • Disclosing confidential information • Improperly using my knowledge gained as a result of Councillor for personal advancement	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress & pending information from the complainant. Held in abeyance for 2 months from 16/01/2026	Closed 16/03/2026

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-254 19/12/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person • Compromising impartiality • Improperly using my knowledge gained as a result of Councillor for personal advancement • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Use of position improperly • Misuse of Council resources • Failure to undertake Code of Conduct training • Failure to disclose personal interests	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress & pending information from the complainant regarding anonymity.	Pending
BCP-258 19/12/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect (Upheld) • Harassing or bully a person (Dismissed) • Discriminate unlawfully against any person (Dismissed) • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute (Upheld) • Use of position improperly (Dismissed)	Initially assessed by the Monitoring Officer and referred to Chair of Committee. Following consultation with committee members and independent persons, the complaint was partially upheld. Subject councillor advised of outcome and requested appropriate apologies – 13/02/2026 To be referred to consultation panel	Pending (pending full compliance)

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-260 04/12/2025	• Predetermination & general allegations of breach of Nolan Principles.	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress. Following consultation with committee members and independent persons, the complaint was dismissed.	Closed 28/05/2026
BCP-261 22/01/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Disclosing confidential information • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Improper use of Council resources • Failure to undertake Code of Conduct training • Not cooperating with any code of conduct investigation • Not complying with sanctions	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Supporting evidence requested from complainant. Held in abeyance for 2 months from 21/04/2026	Pending
BCP-262 06/09/2025	• Failure to treat others with respect • Disclosing confidential information • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Use of position improperly	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Following consultation with committee members and independent persons, the complaint was dismissed.	Closed 28/05/2026

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-263 19/05/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Awaiting supporting evidence from complainant. Held in abeyance for further 2 months commencing 20/05/2026.	Pending
BCP-264 19/05/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Response received and awaiting consultation meeting.	Pending
BCP-265 09/03/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Bullying a person • Improperly using my knowledge gained as a result of Councillor for personal advancement • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Use of position improperly • Misuse of Council resources	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Response received and awaiting consultation meeting.	Pending
BCP-266	Not allocated		

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-267	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Disclosing confidential information • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Not cooperating with any code of conduct investigation • Intimidate those involved with investigations or proceedings • Not complying with sanctions	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Held in abeyance awaiting agreement to consider anonymity. To be referred to panel for anonymity request	Pending
BCP-268 20/03/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person • Compromising impartiality • Improperly using my knowledge gained as a result of Councillor for personal advancement • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Use of position improperly	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Determined to be out of scope as the issues raised did not relate to potential breaches of the Code of Conduct.	Closed – Out of scope 06/05/2026
BCP-269 27/04/2026	• Use of position improperly • Misuse of Council resources	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Additional supporting evidence requested. Additional evidence currently being assessed.	Pending

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-270 30/04/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person • Compromising impartiality • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress. Additional supporting evidence requested from complainant. Complaint subsequently withdrawn.	Withdrawn 11/06/2026
BCP-271 20/04/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Compromising impartiality • Disclosing confidential information • Improperly using my knowledge gained as a result of Councillor for personal advancement • Preventing access to information • Use of position improperly • Misuse of Council resources • Failure to undertake Code of Conduct training • Failure to disclose personal interests	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress. Awaiting supporting evidence from complainant. Held in abeyance for further 2 months commencing 10/06/2026.	Pending

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-272 22/05/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person • Disclosing confidential information • Improperly using my knowledge gained as a result of Councillor for personal advancement • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Use of position improperly • Misuse of Council resources • Not complying with sanctions • Receipt of gifts or hospitality	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress. Awaiting supporting evidence from complainant. To refer to Panel for anonymity consideration	Pending
BCP-273 30/04/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Preventing access to information • Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute • Use of position improperly	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress. Awaiting information from subject councillor	Pending
BCP-274 15/06/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress. Awaiting information from subject councillor	Pending

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
BCP-275 15/06/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Discriminate unlawfully against any person	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress. Awaiting supporting evidence from complainant. Held in abeyance for 2 months from 17/06/2026	Pending
BCP-276 11/06/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress.	Pending
Town and Parish Council Complaints			
TPC-025 21/07/2025	• Not complying with sanctions	Formal form not completed, however, initially assessed by the Monitoring Officer and additional information sought. Before information was provided, subject councillor provided response. No breach.	Closed 15/09/2025
TPC-026 03/06/2026	• No specific breaches identified	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer in progress. Awaiting completion of form – Held in abeyance for 2 month from 03/06/2026	Pending

Reference (Received)	Nature of allegation	Outcome / Decision	Status
TPC-027 03/03/2026	• Failure to treat others with respect • Harassing or bully a person • Use of position improperly • Intimidate those involved with investigations or proceedings	Initial assessment of complaint by the Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer. Response received and awaiting consultation meeting.	Pending

Summary of financial implications

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Summary of legal implications

9. The Council has a legal duty to respond to complaints made against councillors of allegations of a breach of the Code of Conduct. The Council has adopted procedures for handling complaints.

Summary of human resources implications

10. There are no direct manpower implications arising from this report, however, the Committee will be aware that the handling and processing of complaints is resource intensive. A high volume of complaints could require the need for additional resources. It is therefore critical that the committee continuously seeks to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by all councillors to help limit the number of complaints.

Summary of sustainability impact

11. There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

12. There are no public health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

13. This report is reporting on the outcome of complaints made against councillors for alleged breaches of the Councillor's Code of Conduct and consequently there are no direct equalities implications arising from this report. The Code of Conduct includes a duty upon all councillors to promote equalities and to not discriminate unlawfully against any person. Equality implications are considered as an integral part of the complaints process.

Summary of risk assessment

14. There are no direct risks associated with this report.

Background papers

Records of complaints received by the Council under the references referred to in Table 1. These records contain exempt information (Categories 1 (Information relating to any individual) and 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual)).

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report subject	**Annual Report on Code of Conduct Complaints**
Meeting date	7 July 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report provides a summary of complaints received and determined in relation to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by councillors over the four-year period 2022/23 to 2025/26, with a particular focus on the position in 2025/26. The data shows a significant increase in complaints against BCP councillors in 2025/26 compared with the previous year. Complaints from members of the public remain the most common source, while there has also been an increase in complaints made by councillors. Social media continues to be the highest behavioural source of complaint, although complaints relating to the spoken word, typically within formal meetings, have also risen significantly. The report highlights that allegations relating to respect, bullying or harassment, and conduct bringing the office of councillor or the Council into disrepute remain recurring themes. It also notes that, even where complaints are not upheld, they can require significant officer time, place pressure on governance processes and have wider reputational and organisational consequences. The Standards Committee is asked to review the report and identify any areas for further work in support of its role in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct.
Recommendations	**It is RECOMMENDED that:** **the annual report on code of conduct complaints be reviewed and any areas for further work be identified for inclusion in the work programme.**
Reason for recommendations	To formally receive the annual report and allow the committee to identify areas for further development to promote high standards of conduct amongst councillors.

Portfolio Holder(s):	Not applicable
Corporate Director	Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive
Report Authors	Robin Watson, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer Richard Jones, Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Wards	Not applicable
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. The Monitoring Officer is responsible for dealing with allegations that councillors have failed to comply with the members' code of conduct in accordance with the arrangements adopted by the Council.
2. BCP Council, and all parish and town councils within the boundary of BCP Council, have a statutory duty in the Localism Act 2011 to 'promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority'.
3. The Standards Committee is responsible for conducting an annual review of the complaints received.

Code of Conduct

4. In accordance with the provisions the Localism Act 2011 the council has an adopted a code of conduct. The code was most recently updated by the Council in November 2021.

Independent Persons

5. The Act also requires that the council appoint "at least one independent person" whose views are sought and taken into account before it makes its decision on an allegation of a breach of the code of conduct. Their view may also be sought in dealing with allegations which have not been investigated and they may be asked to provide support to subject members who are the subject of an allegation.
6. The council currently has two independent persons, Paul Cashmore and Ian Sibley. The monitoring officer is grateful for the time and commitment the independent members have given.

Arrangements

7. A revised standards procedure was approved by the council on 23 March 2021 permitting the Monitoring Officer to enter into early preliminary and informal dialogue with the parties concerned with a view to providing early mediation and resolution.

8. A further review of the arrangements has commenced, however, in light of the appointment of the new Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, the continuation of this work is the subject of a separate report on this agenda.

Register of interests

9. The council maintains a register of interests for councillors of BCP Council and these are published on the Council's web site. Although it is the responsibility of all councillors to ensure their register entries are correct and up to date, a periodic reminder is sent to all councillors to request that entries are checked for accuracy and for updates to be registered.

Standards complaints

10. This report covers the four-year period from 1 April to 31 March for 2022/23 to 2025/26. Data for earlier periods will be available in previous annual reports. Complaints are classified to fall within each respective year using the concluded date to ensure that all complaints are captured.

11. Complaints concluded after 1 April 2026 or still pending a decision will be reported as early as possible in the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

Total number of complaints for period	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Number of BCP complaints	61	9	28	50
Number of Parish and Town Council complaints	1	4	6	7

12. The number of complaints determined in 2023/24 against BCP Councillors was considerably lower than previous years. However, it was noted in previous reports that there was a large cohort of new councillors following the elections in May 2023 being the likely cause. It should be noted that there has been a sizeable increase (79%) in the number of complaints against councillors of BCP Council in 2025/26 when compared to 2024/25.

13. The complaints against parish and town councillors was marginally higher than previous years but still remained relatively low in number although any increase is not desirable. Due to the low number of parish related complaints further analysis has not been undertaken at this level but if this trend continues in future years this may be necessary. It should also be noted that with the new Town Councils for Broadstone, Poole and Bournemouth it will be necessary to monitor any impact on the complaints activity.

14. The following analysis and data tables are therefore based on the complaints made against BCP Councillors for 2022/23 to 2025/26.

15. Complaints received against BCP councillors are categorised by type of complainant (e.g., public, councillor, officer and other). The table below shows the breakdown by each of these types.

Complainant Type	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Public	57	6	23	35
Councillor	3	2	5	13
Officer	0	1	0	2
Other	1	0	0	0

16. Officers have further analysed complaints to identify the behavioural source of the complaints, the alleged breach criteria and the final outcome. The tables below provide a breakdown of these categories. Complaints may cite more than one source and as a consequence the sum of these tables may not match the total number of complaints determined.

Behavioural source for complaint	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Spoken word	10	3	2	17
Email	31	5	5	5
Social media	4	1	22	20
Lack of response	1	0	0	5
Other	15	0	0	2

17. For clarity, the 'other' criteria referred to in the table includes typically non-behavioural actions, for example, decisions of the council as a whole, allegation of interest conflicts, matters arising from media articles and historic matters.

18. When making a complaint, complainants are requested to indicate which obligations of the Council's Code of Conduct they consider the subject councillor has breached. Complainants are permitted to identify more than one criteria. The following table provides a summary of the respective allegations made by complainants.

19. A new online submission and logging system was introduced in 2024/25 to provide improved management of complaints and more granular statistics. Consequently, certain lines on the table below will only have data for single years as this was aggregated in previous years, however, they have been grouped together to show the collective trend and new lines indented.

Alleged Code Breached	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Failing to treat others with respect	25	6	-	-
Failing to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect			25	35
Failing to treat local authority employees, employees and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect the role they play			6	7
Bullying any person	6	3	11	23
Harassing any person			10	22
Failure to promote equalities and do not discriminate unlawfully against any person	4	0	9	15
Compromising or attempting to compromise the impartiality of those who work for or on behalf of the Council	4	2	3	13

Alleged Code Breached	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Unlawfully disclosing confidential information or information believed to be of a confidential nature	0	2	2	3
Improper use of knowledge gained solely as a result of being a councillor for the advancement of myself, my friends, my family members, my employer or my business interests			2	4
Preventing a person from getting information that the person is entitled to by law	1	2	2	2
Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute while acting in an official capacity	31	3	18	37
Using or attempting to use the position as a Councillor improperly to confer on or secure an advantage or disadvantage for him or herself or anyone else	6	5	9	20
Misuse of Council resources	1	1	2	4
Using or authorising the use of the Councils resources improperly for political purposes	1	1	2	5
Failure to undertake Code of Conduct training			3	5
Failure to cooperate with any Code of Conduct investigation and/or determination			3	3
Intimidating or attempting to intimidate any person who is likely to be involved with the administration of any investigation or proceedings	7	3	2	6
Failure to comply with any sanction imposed on me following a finding that I have breached the Code of Conduct			2	6
Failing to have regard to the Councils Code of Publicity	9	0	-	-
Failing to have regard to the advice of the Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer	1	0	-	-
Failing to declare the existence and nature of a personal interest	5	0	-	-
Failing, within 28 days, to register and disclose my interests	0	0	1	4

Alleged Code Breached	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
In respect of a prejudicial interest, failing to withdraw from the room or chamber; exercising executive functions; or seeking to improperly influence a decision	3	0	-	-
Failure to register gifts and hospitality offered or received as a councillor			0	1

20. Finally, the following table provides details of the outcome of the complaints.

Complaint Outcome	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Outside Jurisdiction	3	0	5	7
Dismissed - No Breach of Code	43	6	6	16
Monitoring Officer – Informal Resolution	2	0	0	1
Potential Breach - Informal Resolution	9	0	6	9
Independent Investigation - No Breach	0	0	3	5
Independent Investigation - Breach	2	0	0	0
Non-compliance – Report to Council	2	3	1	4
Withdrawn			1	1
Incomplete			5	7

21. Despite the proportion of complaints being dismissed, any complaint received is the result of a perceived dissatisfaction by the complainant and has the potential to damage the reputation of the Council. Administering the complaints process is a high resource activity and consequently every effort should be made to reduce complaints arising in the first instance. Complaints can also have a wider organisational impact, including on staff confidence and morale across the Council, particularly where officers are directly involved in supporting members or responding to the issues raised. All councillors should be encouraged to play an active role and take responsibility for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct.

22. On analysis of all complaints received, social media activity remains the highest source of complaints, although it should be noted that complaints about the spoken word (typically within formal meetings) have also risen significantly when compared to previous years. Allegations relating to a lack of respect remain common and are matched by complaints alleging conduct that brings the office of councillor, or the Council, into disrepute. This is a concerning trend.

23. Non-compliance with a Code of Conduct determination continues to be an issue which adds significantly to the demands on resources, however, this has been addressed partly by a faster non-compliance reporting process to full Council.

24. In 2025/26, officers introduced into the regular update report, details of which specific code provision had been breached when a complaint was upheld in whole or in part. Although comparator data is not available for previous years, the table below provides a breakdown of the number of occasions that the respective code provision was upheld. To clarify, each upheld complaint may have cited more than one code provision, and the total will not therefore match the number of complaints upheld as detailed in the table at paragraph 20.

Upheld Code Breaches	2025/26
Failing to treat other councillors and members of the public with respect	8
Failing to treat local authority employees, employees and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect the role they play	1
Bullying any person	4
Compromising or attempting to compromise the impartiality of those who work for or on behalf of the Council	1
Bringing the office of Councillor or the Council into disrepute while acting in an official capacity	7
Intimidating or attempting to intimidate any person who is likely to be involved with the administration of any investigation or proceedings	1
Failure to comply with any sanction imposed on me following a finding that I have breached the Code of Conduct	5

Conclusion

25. This report provides information about the council's performance in relation to the code of conduct and the administration of complaints. The data in this report provides a useful four-year benchmark for future annual reports.

26. The Committee may wish to consider referring or recommending this report to Council to ensure all members are fully appraised. This would provide an opportunity to reinforce awareness of the practical, reputational and organisational impact that complaints can have, and to encourage continued reflection on the standards expected of all members.

Summary of financial implications

27. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, however, the volume of complaints is considered high and resistance to comply, places additional burden on already stretched resources, impacting on the ability to support other core services and to satisfactorily deal with all complaints in a timely manner.

Summary of legal implications

28. The annual review report evidences that the council complies with the duties required under the Localism Act 2011.

Summary of human resources implications

29. Whilst there are no direct human resources implications arising from this report, the volume and nature of complaints can have a wider impact on staff confidence and morale across the Council, particularly where officers are directly involved in supporting members, administering complaints or responding to the issues raised.

Summary of sustainability impact

30. There are no sustainability impact implications arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

31. There are no public health implications arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

32. This report provides statistics for complaints processed in accordance with agreed policy and procedures. Consequently, there are no equality implications arising from this report.

Summary of risk assessment

33. As noted above, any complaint arises from a perceived dissatisfaction with the actions or behaviour of councillors and can carry reputational, organisational and resource implications for the Council. In addition, the volume and nature of complaints can affect staff confidence and morale, particularly where officers are directly involved in supporting members, administering complaints or responding to the issues raised. Whilst some complaints may be unavoidable, all councillors have a responsibility and duty to promote high standards of conduct, and every effort should be made by the Committee to raise awareness of these matters amongst all members.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

Background papers

Records of complaints received by the Council between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2026. These records contain exempt information (Categories 1 (Information relating to any individual) and 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual)).

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report subject	**Update on the Standards Process Review**
Meeting date	7 July 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	To provide the committee with an update regarding the review of the Council's Standards Process.
Recommendations	**It is RECOMMENDED that:** **The committee note the progress of the review and that the completion of the review will be postponed pending the commencement of employment of the Monitoring Officer.**
Reason for recommendations	To support the incoming Monitoring Officer to complete the review.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Not applicable
Corporate Director	Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive
Report Authors	Robin Watson, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer
Wards	Not applicable
Classification	For Information

Background

1. The committee previously agreed that the Monitoring Officer carry out a review of the Standards Process as provided for in the Council's Constitution. The Standards Process was adopted upon the formation of BCP and has not since that time been the subject of a comprehensive review.
2. It is important that the Standards Process is regularly reviewed.
3. The interim Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer have carried out a review of the adopted process. Various amendments and additions to the process are to be recommended to the committee for its consideration and agreement.

4. On 4 August 2026 Tim O'Gara commences employment with the Council as Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer. Mr O'Gara has requested that the report to the committee is postponed pending his commencement.

5. The interim Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer both support the request of Mr O'Gara.

Options Appraisal

6. As this report notes the progress of the review there are no alternative options available for consideration at this time.

Summary of financial implications

7. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

Summary of legal implications

8. Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 places a duty on the Council to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by its members. The Council discharges that duty by adopting a procedure dealing with the conduct that is expected of members of the authority when they are acting in that capacity.

9. In accordance with the Council's statutory duty, the adopted procedure should be regularly reviewed.

Summary of human resources implications

10. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

11. There are no sustainability impact issues directly arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

12. There are no public health implications directly arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

13. There are none directly arising from this report.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

Background Papers

None.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report subject	**Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer**
Meeting date	7 July 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	To retrospectively report the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 6 March 2026 to 7 July 2026.
Recommendations	**It is RECOMMENDED that:** **Standards Committee note the dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer for the time period 6 March 2026 to 7 July 2026.**
Reason for recommendations	To support a robust ethical governance framework, the Standards Committee should be informed of decisions made in respect of Councillors and the application of the Councillor Code of Conduct.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Not applicable
Corporate Director	Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive
Report Authors	Robin Watson, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer
Wards	Not applicable
Classification	For Information

Background

1. On 24 March 2026 a dispensation was granted to all Members to enable them to participate fully in the debate and vote on the SEND motion at the meeting of Full Council of the same date. This was in accordance with the public interest and appropriate and expired at the end of the meeting.

Options Appraisal

2. As this report notes the retrospective granting of a dispensation there are no alternative options available for consideration. The failure to grant a dispensation would have had the potential to adversely affect the debate of the item in question.

Summary of financial implications

3. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

Summary of legal implications

4. A dispensation may be granted by the Monitoring Officer in accordance with s33 Localism Act 2011. It is good practice for these decisions to be reported to the Standards Committee so as to promote integrity and transparency of decision making.

Summary of human resources implications

5. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

6. There are no sustainability impact issues directly arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

7. There are no public health implications directly arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

8. There are none directly arising from this report.

Background papers

Published works.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

Standards Committee Work Plan and Schedule of Meetings

Subject	Meeting Date
Complaints update	Standing Item
Review of the Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure	Priority- asap
Review of the Officer Member Protocol	Date to be confirmed
Review of gifts and hospitality	Date to be confirmed
Review of the Register of Interests	Date to be confirmed
Review of mandatory training including code of conduct training	Date to be confirmed
Standards Committee Annual Report to Council	Summer 2026
Review of Councillors Induction Programme	Date to be confirmed
Impact of Community Governance Review	Date to be confirmed
Communication Strategy on Standards within Town and Parish Councils	From October 2025
Refresher Code of Conduct Training	TBC

Future Meeting Dates: -

Tuesday 7 July 2026

Tuesday 6 October 2026

Tuesday 19 January 2027

Tuesday 16 March 2027

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