

Summary of current complaints 2022-23

The following alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct are either currently being dealt with under the Council's complaints process or have been concluded since the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 16 June 2022

Ref No	Subject Member	Category of Complaint	Progress/Outcome
2022/5	Wyre Councillor	Allegation regarding inappropriate behaviour at a FTC meeting and posting inappropriate messages on Facebook	DMO & IP determined that subject member not acting as a councillor at FTC meeting and with posts on social media with the exception of one. Advised to take message down or delete inappropriate words from post. Matter concluded.
2022/6	Wyre Councillors x 2	Allegation that use of office for own financial gain.	Determined subject members not acting in their capacity as councillors. Matter concluded.
2022/7	Fleetwood Town Councillors x 3	Number of allegations around behaviour and comments at FTC meeting 28 June and social media posts in relation to this and some historic events	Some minor breaches of code within allegations – dealt with informally by letter to subject members. Also concern that 'tit for tat' as closely linked to 2022/5. MO & DMO arranging to speak with relevant leaders. Matter concluded.
2022/8	Forton Town Council	Allegations regarding comments made at meeting May 2021 and follow up actions to Wyre Council	No breach of the code. Matter concluded.
2022/9	Unknown Wyre Councillor	Inappropriate comment at Council Meeting	Not able to establish who councillor is and no evidence of any member saying alleged words. Matter concluded.
2022/10	Wyre Councillor	Allegation that inappropriate comments made in public area and planning process unlawful	No evidence of Breach of Code. Subject of the complaint is not a matter dealt with by Wyre Council. Subject member to be spoken to for advice regarding what is said in public arena. Matter concluded.
2022/11	Wyre & FT Councillor	Concerns regarding Warren Farm Community Association sale of property and apparent non-accounting for £95,000	Councillor is not part of association as a councillor so not acting in capacity - no breach. DMO & IP has previously looked into similar allegations and spoken to subject member – no evidence of any fraudulent activity. Matter concluded.

2022/12	Wyre Councillors x 2	Complaint re. lack of response to enquiry – allegation that had been rude and disrespectful	No breach – Officer had replied on councillors behalf. Matter concluded.
2022/13	Wyre Councillor	Allegation about subject member's attitude	No evidence of breach – dealt with informally. Matter concluded.
2022/14	Wyre Councillor	Allegation of discrimination	No evidence provided. DPO emailed complainant but nothing forthcoming. No breach. Matter concluded.
2022/15	Wyre Councillor	Allegation of being disrespectful to attendees at council meeting	Dealt with informally – minor issue. Matter concluded.
2022/16	Wyre Councillor	Allegation re breach of GDPR & failed to act as elected member of Wyre Council	Data sharing in line with privacy notice, no evidence regarding failure to act as elected member – no breach of code. Matter concluded.
2022/17	Wyre Councillor	Allegation that subject member has been disrespectful to complainant	Dealt with informally – subject member apologised to complainant. Matter concluded.
2022/18	Preesall Town	Allegation of disrespectful behaviour	Considered to be breach of code by MO/DMO & IP. Letter sent to subject member recommending apology to complainant. Matter concluded.
2022/19	Wyre Councillor	Allegation regarding conduct - abuse of power of a committee member	More of a matter for planning appeal than code of conduct issue. Referred to complaints procedure. Matter concluded.
2022/20	Wyre Councillor	Complaint re. lack of response to enquiry	Complainant also contacted Leader who dealt with complaint and therefore dealt with informally by MO/DMO. Member has apologised to complainant. Matter concluded.
2022/21	Wyre Councillor	Allegation that subject member had not attended any official meetings in 6 month period	Allegation incorrect – no breach of the code. Matter concluded.
2022/22	Wyre Councillor	Allegation regarding inappropriate Facebook posts	No further information provided. No evidence of breach. Matter concluded.
2022/23	Wyre Councillor	Allegation of inappropriate behaviour – tiktok posts.	Concluded not acting in capacity as councillor – no breach of the code. Matter concluded.
2022/24	Wyre Councillor	Allegation of racist comments	MO contacted complainant to gain further information. Met with subject member in liaison with IP. Determined that comments misconstrued – No breach of the code. Advice given to subject member and signposted to e-learning. Matter concluded.