

SUMMARY OF CURRENT COMPLAINTS: 22 JUNE 2017

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 March 2017.

Ref No	Complainant	Subject Member	Category of Complaint	Progress/Outcome
2016/04	Head of Contact Centre, Wyre BC	A Wyre BC Councillor	Possible inaccurate submission of a benefit claim.	Legal advice received that the subject member was not acting in their capacity as a Councillor when the alleged breach took place. Being considered by the Department for Work and Pensions. No longer a matter for the Council to consider. No further action to be taken.
2016/18	A Parish/Town Councillor Supersedes complaint Ref 2015/07(ii)	A Parish/Town Councillor	Inappropriate comments and behaviour at Council meetings, in emails and to the press.	<p>The Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person met with the complainant on 18/1/17, who submitted various documents to support their complaint.</p> <p>Further documents received from complainant on 19/4/17.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person met with the subject member on 27/4/17.</p> <p>This is a complex matter, involving a number of issues, dating back to 2015. However, as a way forward, the subject member has now agreed to apologise, in order to resolve this complaint.</p>

2017/01	4 Wyre BC Councillors	A Wyre BC Councillor	<p>Making incorrect statements with regard to scrutiny meetings and failing to correct them when given the opportunity to do so.</p> <p>“Disrespect for the Council’s Corporate Values. Failure to comply with the principles - selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. Failure to maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics.”</p>	<p>The Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person met with the subject member on 17/5/17. The allegations made by the complainants were put to the subject member and the sequence of events which had taken place was discussed.</p> <p>On the basis of the information considered and discussions held the matter has moved forward, a resolution has been proposed.. It is hoped that a conclusion will be reached and that the Monitoring Officer will be in a position to report on a remedy at the next meeting of the Standards Committee.</p>
2017/02	A Wyre officer	A Wyre Councillor	Inappropriate behaviour at a Planning Committee meeting.	<p>The Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person met with the subject member on 20/1/17, when the subject member agreed to undertake training.</p> <p>The subject member attended training sessions provided by the Senior Solicitor (Deputy Monitoring Officer) and the Head of planning and Regeneration on 9 June 2017.</p> <p>No further action to be taken.</p>
2017/03	A member of the public	A Wyre Councillor	Inappropriate comments in an email.	<p>Preliminary tests considered by the Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person.</p> <p>The subject member not considered to be acting in their capacity as a councillor when responding to an email sent to them in error by the complainant.</p> <p>No further action to be taken.</p>