

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT COMPLAINTS 16 MARCH 2017**

The following alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct are currently being dealt with under the Council's complaints process or have been concluded since the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 10 November 2016.

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Complainant</b>	<b>Subject Member</b>	<b>Category of Complaint</b>	<b>Progress/Outcome</b>
2015/07(ii)	A Parish/Town Councillor	A Parish/Town Councillor	Inappropriate comments and behaviour at Council meetings, in e-mails and to the press.	Monitoring Officer arranged to meet with complainant to seek a resolution.  Now superseded by complaint ref 2016/18 (see below)
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 offence took place.  Still not yet known what action, if any, the Department for Work and Pensions is going to take.
2016/05	Head of Contact Centre Wyre BC	A Wyre Councillor	A Council Tax/Rates issue	An investigation carried out by another agency has now concluded that there is insufficient evidence to prove Councillor misconduct and, on that basis, the matter has been closed.

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2016/11(a)	A member of the public (former Parish/Town Clerk)	A Parish/Town Councillor	Offence and damage to reputation caused by unfounded allegations and inappropriate comments and behaviours.	<p>An investigation carried out by an external person concluded that the subject member had breached the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>A Standards Committee Hearing held on 7 February 2017 found that the subject member had breached the Code of Conduct and agreed to ask that its decision be reported publically to Preesall Town Council. (The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February are submitted under agenda item 3)</p>
2016/11(b)	A member of the public (former Parish/Town Clerk)	A Parish/Town Councillor	Offence and damage to reputation caused by unfounded allegations and inappropriate comments and behaviours.	<p>An investigation carried out by an external person concluded that the subject member had breached the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The subject Members has subsequently resigned as a Town Councillor. He has also apologised publically to the Town Council “for the trouble he has caused by his efforts to clear his name”, but not to the complainant</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer will provide a verbal update at the meeting.</p>
2016/12	A Parish/Town Councillor	A Parish/Town Councillor (Same subject member as in ref: 2016/11(a))	Making incorrect statements, bringing the Council in to disrepute.	Linked to complaint ref 2016/11(a). The Standards Committee at its hearing on 7 February 2017 also concluded that the subject Member had breached the Code of Conduct on this complaint. See minutes submitted under agenda item 3.

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2016/17	A Parish/Town Councillor (subject member in ref: 2016/12)	A Parish/Town Councillor (complainant in ref: 2016/12)	“Bringing the Council in to disrepute”. Incorrect procedures followed and inappropriate behaviours at TC meetings.	Linked to complaint 2016/12 and other current complaints involving Preesall TC.  No further action to be taken.
2016/18	A Parish/Town Councillor Supersedes complaint Ref 2015/07(ii)	A Parish/Town Councillor		Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person met with the complainant who submitted various documents to support her complaint. Further information awaited from the complainant.
2016/19	A member of the public	A Wyre BC Councillor	Failure to follow correct procedures at a meeting of the Planning Committee.	Initial tests considered by Monitoring officer and an Independent Person. Following investigation by the Monitoring Officer it was concluded that there was no evidence of a Breach of the Code and that no further action would be taken.
2017/01	4 Wyre BC Councillors	A Wyre BC Councillor	Making incorrect statements with regard to scrutiny meetings and failing to correct them when given the opportunity to do so.  “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.”	Initial assessment carried out by the Monitoring Officer and an Independent person.  Monitoring Officer and Independent Person to meet with the complainant.

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2017/02	A Wyre officer	A Wyre Councillor	Inappropriate behaviour at a Planning Committee meeting.	Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person met with the Subject Member who agreed to undertake training.

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