

**STANDARDS COMPLAINTS – JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**AUGUST 2023 – JUNE 2024**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT</b>	<b>RESOLUTION/ OUTCOME</b>
21/09/23	Kings Hill Parish Council	2 complaints submitted against 4 members of Kings Hill Parish Council.  Allegation that information was disclosed in public by the subject members that was confidential.	Passed initial assessment tests.  Informal resolution. Recommendation that the Parish Council engage external support to assist them in promoting high standards of governance.
31/01/24	Trottiscliffe Parish Council	Alleged breach of obligations of the code on bullying and harassment and conduct which could reasonably be regarded as bringing the Authority into disrepute.	Complaint did not pass the legal jurisdiction test and complaint was rejected.
23/02/24	Tonbridge And Malling Borough Council	2 separate but similar complaints from members of the public were submitted against one Councillor.  Alleged breach of 3.2(a)(i)(ii), (c) and (g) of the code of conduct. The MO in consultation with the Independent Person and chair and vice chair of Joint Standards Committee felt the complaint needed to proceed to investigation.	Passed initial assessment tests and proceeded to investigation.  The investigator did not find that any of the obligations had been breached.
25/03/24	Tonbridge And Malling Borough Council	Complaint against 5 TMBC Councillors - Alleged breach of 3.2(g) of the code – conduct which could reasonably be regarded as bringing the Authority into disrepute.	Complaint did not pass the legal jurisdiction test and complaint was rejected.
4/04/24	Wateringbury Parish Council	Alleged breach of obligations of the code on respect, bullying and intimidation	Complaint passed legal jurisdiction test but fell within paragraph (g) of the local assessment criteria  Informal resolution – issue an apology

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10/05/24	Tonbridge And Malling Borough Council	Complaint against 3 TMBC Councillors - Alleged breach of 3.2(a)(i),(c) and (g) of TMBC Code – i.e. Bullying, not to do anything that compromises, or is likely to compromise, the impartiality or integrity of those who work for, or on behalf of the Authority and conduct which could reasonably be regarded as bringing the Authority into disrepute.  Complaint related to conduct at Council meeting.	Complaint did not pass the legal jurisdiction test.  Complaint rejected