

STANDARDS COMPLAINTS 2025

JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

REF.	AUTHORITY	SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT	RESOLUTION/ OUTCOME
1	Wateringbury Parish Council	Allegations of financial irregularities and disclosure of confidential information during parish council procurement process.	Complaint raised issues relating to financial irregularities and data protection. Complainant advised to pursue matter with auditors for Parish Council and Information Commissioner.
2	Wateringbury Parish Council	Allegations of bullying, intimidation and threats arising from series of messages sent via social media.	Informal resolution – recommendation that subject member apologise to complainant.
3	Wateringbury Parish Council	Allegation that Cllr knowingly made false statements in article in village magazine.	Complaint rejected – failed para 1.2(d) of the Legal Jurisdiction Test (subject member acting as a member of another authority).
4	TMBC/ KCC	Multi-faceted complaint, including allegations of bypassing Parish Council in obtaining speed survey/ making dishonest comments during meeting.	Complaint failed paras 1.2(c) and (e) of Legal Jurisdictional Test (subject member acting as a member of another authority/ if the facts could be established as a matter of evidence, could the alleged complaint be capable of a breach of the code of conduct).

5	TMBC	Multi-faceted complaint, including allegations of rude and condescending tone in email/ misuse of KCC influence/ disclosure of confidential information.	Complaint failed para 1.2(e) of Legal Jurisdictional Test i.e. if the facts could be established as a matter of evidence, could the alleged complaint be capable of a breach of the code of conduct (all bar one element). Remaining element failed paras (d), (g) and (j) of Local Assessment Criteria.
6	TMBC	Allegation that Cllr made discriminatory comments in social media posts.	Complaint rejected – failed para 1.2(c) of the Legal Jurisdiction Test (member not acting in official capacity)