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Dear Councillor,

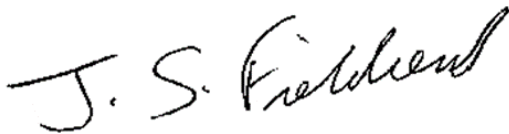
STANDARDS COMMITTEE

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee of the Bolsover District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Monday, 4th November, 2024 at 14:00 hours.

Register of Members' Interests - Members are reminded that a Member must within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes to their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests provide written notification to the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

You will find the contents of the agenda itemised on page 3 onwards.

Yours faithfully,



Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer

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**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

***Monday, 4th November, 2024 at 14:00 hours taking place in the Council Chamber, The
Arc, Clowne***

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1.	Apologies For Absence	
2.	Urgent Items of Business	
	To note any urgent items of business which the Chairman has consented to being considered under the provisions of Section 100(B) 4(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
	Members should declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Non Statutory Interest as defined by the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of:	
	a) any business on the agenda	
	b) any urgent additional items to be considered	
	c) any matters arising out of those items	
	and if appropriate, withdraw from the meeting at the relevant time.	
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Agenda Item 4

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of Standards Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Monday, 2nd September 2024 at 14:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

R. Jaffray in the Chair

Councillors Jane Yates (Vice-Chair), Anne Clarke, Louise Fox, Justin Gilbody, Duncan Haywood and Tom Kirkham.

Officers:- Jim Fieldsend (Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer), Louise Arnold (Legal Team Manager (Deputy Monitoring Officer)) and Amy Bryan (Governance and Civic Manager).

Also in attendance at the meeting was Ian Kirk (Independent Person).

STA1-24/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

STA2-24/25 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to be considered at the meeting.

STA3-24/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

STA4-24/25 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jane Yates and seconded by Councillor Tom Kirkham

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 15th April 2024 on be approved as a true and correct record.

STA5-24/25 RIPA POLICY

Committee considered a report which sought the adoption of a new RIPA Policy.

The report explained that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) was concerned with the regulation of surveillance and other intelligence gathering by public

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authorities in the conduct of their legitimate business. The ability to use surveillance methods to gather evidence was limited to those circumstances set out in the Act. In addition, the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (IPA) set out the extent to which certain investigatory powers may be used to interfere with privacy. In particular, the interception of communications, equipment interference and the acquisition and retention of communication data. It was necessary for the Council to have a policy in place setting out a procedure for the use of the powers in both RIPA and IPA, however the current policy only referred to RIPA. The Legal Services Manager (Deputy Monitoring Officer) had reviewed the policy and produced a revised version to include all necessary legislative requirements.

The Committee asked questions regarding the use of social media and whether any Councillors had made requests under RIPA. It was noted that it had been several years since the Council had used any powers under RIPA but an up-to-date policy was still required.

Moved by Councillor Justin Gilbody and seconded by Councillor Louise Fox
RESOLVED that the RIPA Policy, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

STA6-24/25 DELEGATION OF THE DECISION TO GRANT DISPENSATIONS

The Committee considered a report which proposed to delegate the power to grant dispensations for Members to speak and vote in committees when they had declarable interests.

The report set out that in accordance with the Code of Conduct, a copy of which was attached to the report at Appendix 1, that where a Councillor was prevented from participating in a matter in a meeting by virtue of the existence of either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Other Registerable Interest or a Non-Registerable Interest, they may still take part in the meeting and vote where they had been granted a dispensation.

The dispensation provisions referred to in Part 12 of the Code of Conduct referred to situations where a Councillor had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. There was no corresponding provision for the granting of dispensation for Other Registerable Interests or a Non-Registerable Interest. In order to clarify that the rules on dispensations applied to all interests it was proposed that the provisions set out in relevant paragraphs be changed to include reference to Other Registerable Interests and Non-Registerable Interests.

Any requests for a dispensation must be sent in writing to the Monitoring Officer. However, there was no ability for the Monitoring Officer to determine whether a dispensation should be granted. It was proposed in the report that the Standards Committee delegated the decision to determine dispensation applications to the Monitoring Officer. This would enable decisions to be made in a timely and efficient manner. The Committee discussed the proposal and concern was expressed by some members of the Committee regarding delegating this authority to an officer. The Committee asked the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to carry out further research on this matter, including if many other councils delegated this matter to their Monitoring Officer.

Resolution (1) moved by Councillor Louise Fox and seconded by Councillor Jan Yates

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Resolution (2) moved by Councillor Duncan Haywood and seconded by Councillor Louise Fox

RESOLVED that (1) the addition of Other Registerable Interests and Non-Disclosable Interests to Part 12 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors be approved;

(2) the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer carry out further work on the delegation to consider applications for dispensations proposal and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

STA7-24/25 COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer provided an update on complaints made against Councillors.

There was one complaint regarding a Parish Councillor and one complaint regarding a District Councillor, which were going ongoing. There had been two further complaints about Parish Councillors which had been considered, and no potential breach of the Code of Conduct had been found.

It was reported that further to the information in the report, a further complaint had been received last week regarding a Shirebrook Town Councillor.

It was confirmed that there were no complaints outstanding from the previous year.

In answer to a question regarding the complaint against the District Councillor, and whether the investigation could be sped up the Monitoring Officer confirmed that an investigation had taken place within weeks, and he was just waiting for the final report.

In answer to a question regarding the Committee receiving more information on the details of the complaints the Monitoring Officer confirmed that he couldn't go into much detail regarding live complaints, but once a complaint had been closed then he could provide the Committee with an anonymised summary of the main facts.

STA8-24/25 ANNUAL LETTER FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN 2023/24

The Committee considered a report which provided information contained within the Annual Letter from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) 2023/24. The Annual Review letter 2024 was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The LGSCO letter contained an annual summary of statistics on the complaints made against the Council for the financial year ending 31st March 2024.

The LGSCO had received eight enquiries and complaints during 2023/24, four had been closed after initial enquiries, three had been referred back for local resolution/internal complaints process, one case had been invalid or incomplete.

Benchmarking information of neighbouring authority's comparative figures had been included in the report for information. The LGSCO had upheld 80% of complaints submitted to them in 2023/24 (up from 74% in 2022/23), with the average being 63% for

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similar authorities.

Moved by Councillor Louise Fox and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke

RESOLVED that the Annual Letter from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman 2023/24, be noted.

STA9-24/25 WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025

The Committee considered its work programme for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year.

In answer to a question regarding changes to scrutiny committees following the recent training by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer confirmed that the Scrutiny Officer was undertaking a review of scrutiny.

The meeting concluded at 14:40 hours.

Bolsover District Council

Standards Committee on 4th November 2024

Councillor Complaints Procedure

Report of the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

Classification	This report is public
Report By	Jim Fieldsend Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To recommend a change to the Councillor Complaint Procedure.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Under Section 28(6) and (7) of the Localism Act 2011 the Council is required to have in place arrangements under which allegations of code of conduct breaches against both District and Parish Councillors are investigated. Such arrangements are contained within the Councillor Complaint Procedure

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 At the Standards Committee meeting on 13th November 2023 members agreed to specific changes to the Councillor Complaint Procedure to enable the Monitoring Officer to determine whether a formal hearing should be held where an investigation has found that a Member was in breach of the code of conduct or whether it could be dealt by other suitable methods, known as a Local Resolution. The requirements of the code at the time required the approval of the complainant. This took away the discretion of the Monitoring Officer and put disproportionate control in the hands of the complainant. The proposed change addressed this imbalance and gave the Monitoring Officer the discretion to refer a complaint for a formal hearing. This change was in line with guidance issued by the Local Government Association.
- 2.2 The changes agreed by Standard Committee have been implemented however further changes are required. The Procedure states at paragraph 7.2 –

If the Monitoring Officer considers that local resolution is not appropriate, or you are not satisfied by the proposed resolution, or the member concerned is not prepared to undertake any proposed remedial action, such as giving an apology,

then the Monitoring Officer will report the Investigating Officer's report to the Sub-Committee which will conduct a local hearing before deciding whether the member has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct and, if so, whether to take any action in respect of the member.

- 2.3 The wording in bold enables a complainant to reject a proposed local resolution. This is at odds with the previous decision of the Standards Committee and existing guidance. It is proposed that this wording is removed from the Councillor Complaints Procedure.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To make it clear whose decision it is to refer a code of conduct complaint to a formal hearing.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not to amend the Councillor Complaints Procedure. This could result in a hearing taking place when it would be disproportionate to do so.

RECOMMENDATION(S) that:

The Councillor Complaints Procedure is amended as set out in the report.

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

None arising from this report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to have arrangements in place to deal with Code of Conduct Complaints

None arising from this report.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

None arising from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	<p>No</p>

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details:</p>

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<p>Demonstrating good governance</p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title

<p>Background Papers</p>
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Bolsover District Council

Standards Committee on 4th November 2024

Delegation of the Decision to Grant Dispensations

Report of the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

Classification	This report is public
Report By	Jim Fieldsend Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

For Standards Committee to consider a proposal to delegate the power to grant dispensations for Members to speak and vote in committees when they have a declarable interest.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 2nd September 2024 Standards Committee considered a proposal to grant delegated powers to the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer (“Monitoring Officer”) to grant dispensations for Members to speak and vote in committees when they have declarable interests. A copy of the report to the September meeting is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 At the meeting Members were not prepared to grant power to the Monitoring Officer. Instead, Members asked that the Monitoring Officer undertook a benchmarking exercise and to report back to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 1.3 The Monitoring Officer has written to other monitoring officers in Derbyshire and received 4 responses:
 - “it is delegated to the MO in my authority. Our Standards and Appeals Committee only meet twice a year, so it is not practicable to refer these decisions to them. Also, what if the issue would also exclude the majority of the S & A committee and they weren’t quorate, who would decide. I think best to sit with you”;
 - “Easier said than said done I know, but I would avoid delegated powers to determine these matters if you can. In my view, it would undermine the declaration of interests process if a Member could ask the MO at a

meeting for a dispensation from the rules, and put the MO in a difficult position”;

- “I have some delegations whilst some others are reserved to the Committee.

I am able to grant dispensations under Section 33 (2) (a) (b) and (d) of the Localism Act 2011 with the Standards Committee retaining those areas as detailed in (c) and (e)”.

To clarify the specific grounds in Section 33(2) of the Localism Act 2011 are as follows:

Section 33(2) (a) - the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business;

Section 33(2)(b) - the representation of different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business;

Section 33(2)(c) - the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area;

Section 33(2)(d) - each member of the authority's executive would be prohibited

Section 33(2)(e) - it is otherwise appropriate to do so.

- “I granted a number of members a dispensation at a recent meeting, which I am able to do under my Council’s Constitution”. On inspection of the Constitution the power to grant dispensations is limited to “circumstances where so many of the councillors on that decision making body have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) in a matter that would impede transaction of business”

- 1.4 Out of the monitoring officers who responded only one suggested he had absolute ability to grant dispensations and this was at an authority whose Standards Committee only met twice a year. Two monitoring officers did have the power but only in limited circumstance and only where the numbers of councillors who would need to leave a meeting would affect the business of the meeting. Any decision which requires a more objective view on whether a dispensation is justified is reserved for the relevant Standards Committees. This avoids the risk of undue pressure being placed on the officer with delegated powers.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 In light of the above it is recommended that the Monitoring Officer be given limited powers to approve the dispensations under Section 33 (2) (a) (b) and (d) of the Localism Act 2011 and that Standards Committee continue to be able to grant dispensations under Section 33(2)(c) and (e).

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To clarify the rules around granting dispensations to councillors where they have a relevant interest in an item to be considered.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not to change the rules on granting dispensations. This is rejected as the proposed changes allow for the decisions to be granted in clear situations where a dispensation is warranted.
- 4.2 To change the rules so that the Monitoring Officer can decide on all requests for a dispensation. This is rejected for the reasons set out in paragraph 1.4.

RECOMMENDATION(S) that Standard Committee:

1. Delegate the decision to consider applications for dispensations under Section 33 (2) (a) (b) and (d) of the Localism Act 2011 to the Monitoring Officer;
2. Recommend to Council that the Scheme of Delegation to Officers include a power for the Monitoring Officer "To determine all application made by Councillors under Section 33 (2) (a) (b) and (d) of the Localism Act 2011 to vote on a matter in which they have a relevant interest in accordance with part 12 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

None arising from this report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

None arising from this report.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

None arising from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

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<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	No

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	None
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	Details:

<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</p>
<p>Demonstrating good governance</p>

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Appendix No	Title
1	Standards Report, 2 nd September 2024

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Bolsover District Council

Standards Committee on 2nd September 2024

Delegation of the decision to grant dispensations

Report of the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

Classification	This report is public
Report By	Jim Fieldsend Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

For Standards Committee to consider a proposal to delegate the power to grant dispensations for Members to speak and vote in committees when they have a declarable interests.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 One of Standard Committee's roles from its terms of reference is to "consider all matters relating to dispensations for Members to speak and vote where Members concerned have interests".
- 1.2 In accordance with the Code of Conduct (copy attached as an Appendix) where a councillor is prevented from participating in a matter in a meeting by virtue of the existence of either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Other Registerable Interest or a Non-Registerable Interest he or she may still take part in the meeting and vote where they have been granted a dispensation.
- 1.3 Part 12 of the Code of Conduct states that the Council may grant a dispensation to enable a councillor to participate and vote on a matter in which he/she has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest". Requests must be made in writing to the Monitoring Officer on one of the following grounds.
 - That so many members of the decision-making body have Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in a matter that it would impede the transaction of the business.
 - That, without the dispensation, the representation of different political groups on the body transacting the business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote on the matter.
 - That the District Council considers that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Authority's area;
 - That, without a dispensation, no member of the Cabinet would be able to participate in the matter; or

- That the District Council considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant dispensation.
- 1.4 The dispensation provisions referred to in part 12 of the Code of Conduct refers to situations where a councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. There is no corresponding provision for the granting of a dispensation for Other Registerable Interest or a Non-Registerable Interest. In order to clarify that the rules on dispensation apply to all interests it is proposed that the provisions set out in paragraph be changed to include reference to Other Registerable Interests and Non-Declarable Interests
 - 1.5 Any requests for a dispensation must be sent in writing to the Monitoring Officer however there is no ability for the Monitoring Officer to determine whether a dispensation should be granted. It is proposed that the Standards Committee delegate the decision to determine dispensation applications to the Monitoring Officer. This would enable decisions being made in an efficient and timely manner. It is further proposed that Council be recommended to include this power within the Scheme of Delegation for Officers

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The dispensation provisions referred to in paragraph 1.3 above refers to situations where a councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. There is no corresponding provision for the granting of a dispensation for Other Registerable Interests or a Non-Registerable Interest. In order to clarify that the rules on dispensation apply to all interests it is proposed that the provisions set out in paragraph 1.3 be changed to include reference to Other Registerable Interests and Non-Declarable Interests
- 2.2 Any requests for a dispensation must be sent in writing to the Monitoring Officer however there is no express ability for the Monitoring Officer to determine whether a dispensation should be granted. It is proposed that the Standards Committee delegate the decision to determine dispensation applications to the Monitoring Officer. This would enable decisions being made in an efficient in timely manner. It is further proposed that Council be recommended to include this power within the Scheme of Delegation for Officer

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To clarify the rules around granting dispensations to councillors where they have a relevant interest in an item to be considered.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not to change the rules on granting dispensations. This is rejected as it is necessary to have clarity on when a dispensation can be granted for all interests and not just disclosable pecuniary interests.
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RECOMMENDATION(S) that Standard Committee;

1. Approve the addition of Other Registerable Interests and Non-Disclosable Interests to part 12 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors;
2. Delegate the decision to consider applications for dispensations to the Monitoring Officer;
3. Recommend to Council that the Scheme of Delegation to Officers include a power for the Monitoring Officer “To determine all application made by councillors to vote on a matter in which they have a relevant interest in accordance with part 12 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors

<u>IMPLICATIONS:</u>	
<u>Finance and Risk:</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details: None arising from this report. <div style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Section 151 Officer</div>	
<u>Legal (including Data Protection):</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details: None arising from this report. <div style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council</div>	
<u>Staffing:</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details: None arising from this report. <div style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Head of Paid Service</div>	

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<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
1	Draft Code of Conduct

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**BDC COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST Agenda Item 7
COMPLAINTS RECEIVED 2024/2025**

DATE OF RECEIPT	PART OF CODE OF CONDUCT ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN BREACHED	NAME OF COUNCIL	WHETHER A POTENTIAL BREACH WAS FOUND	REASONS FOR DECISION/ ACTION
13/05	Respect	Scarcliffe Parish Council	N/A (ongoing)	
24/06	Respect	Bolsover Disitrc Council	N/A (ongoing)	
11/07	Breach of confidentiality	South Normanton Parish Council	No	Lack of evidence
17/08	Breach of confidentiality	Tibshelf Parish Council	No	Councillor not working in capacity
22/08	Bringing the Council into disrepute	Shirebrook Town Council	N/A (ongoing)	
03/10	Respect Failure to lead by example	Creswell Parish Council	N/A (ongoing)	

03/10	Respect Failure to lead by example	Creswell Parish Council	N/A (ongoing)	
03/10	Respect Failure to lead by example	Creswell Parish Council	N/A (ongoing)	
22/10	Respect Failure to lead by example	Creswell Parish Council	N/A (ongoing)	
24/10	Respect Bullying & harassment Breach of confidentiality Misuse of position Bringing the Council into disrepute Failure to declare interests.	Shirebrook Town Council	N/A (ongoing)	

Agenda Item 8

Bolsover District Council Standards Committee Work Programme.

From September 2nd 2024 to 31st March 2025

Date of Committee.	Item.
2 nd September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review of Constitution- Dispensations▪▪ RIPA Policy Review▪ LGSCO Annual Letter and Report;▪ Complaints update.
4 th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review of Constitution (TBD);▪ Complaints update.
27 th January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review of Constitution (TBD);▪ Compliments Comments and Complaints Annual Summary▪ Gifts and Hospitality Review;▪ Whistleblowing Policy Review;▪ RIPA Review;▪ Complaints update.
31/03/25 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review of Constitution (TBD);▪ Members Training Attendance;▪ Annual Standards Committee Report▪ Complaints update.