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Friday, 25 October 2024

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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<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Urgent Items of Business</b>  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.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  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.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  To consider the minutes of the last meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024.	<b>4 - 7</b>
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## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Monday, 4 November 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) and Angelika Kaufhold (Governance and Civic Manager).

### **STA10-24/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### **STA11-24/25 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

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

### **STA12-24/25 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.

### **STA13-24/25 MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Jane Yates ~~Janet Tait~~ and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

### **STA14-24/25 COUNCILLOR COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer relating to the Councillor Complaint Procedure.

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The report proposed a change to the procedure for the Monitoring Officer to recommend a local resolution to a complaint or refer it to a formal hearing without the approval of the complainant. The existing scheme was imbalanced with a disproportionate level of control in the hands of complainants who had to agree to any proposed resolutions by the Monitoring Officer.

*Councillor Justin Gilbody arrived at this point in the meeting.*

The proposed change below (excerpt from the Councillor Complaint Procedure paragraph 7.2. “you” relates to the complainant) was in line with guidance issued by the Local Government Association:

*“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 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.”*

During discussion the following additional information was provided in response to Members’ questions:

- The Sub-Committee would be convened in the event of a member complaint being referred by the Monitoring Officer for further investigation. The Sub-Committee would then review the complaint and decide whether any sanctions were appropriate. The Monitoring Officer did not have the authority to impose sanctions this was within the remit of the Sub-Committee.
- Local Resolution decisions made by the Monitoring Officer were reported to the Standards Committee at each meeting.

Moved by Councillor Duncan Haywood and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke

**RESOLVED** that the amendment to the Councillor Complaint Procedure be approved.

### **STA15-24/25      DELEGATION OF THE DECISION TO GRANT DISPENSATIONS**

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer relating to the proposal to delegate authority for the granting of dispensations.

At the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 Members requested that a benchmarking exercise be carried out by the Monitoring Officer to establish practice by other local authorities in respect of delegating authority to grant dispensations. The results detailed in the report highlighted the different approaches taken and where authority was delegated to the Monitoring Officer this was restricted to certain circumstances only.

Any decision which required a more objective view on whether the dispensation was justified would be reserved to the Standards Committee to avoid the risk of undue

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pressure being placed on the officer with the delegated authority.

It was confirmed that requests for dispensation were rare and in recent times only applied to the Councillor Directors of Dragonfly. It depended on the nature of the dispensation request whether it would be best placed either by referral to the Standards Committee or decided by the Monitoring Officer through delegated authority.

Some Members' raised concerns that by granting delegated authority it could place the Monitoring Officer in a difficult position and that as there were so few requests then these should always be considered by the Standards Committee itself.

It was suggested that all councillors be reminded that any requests for dispensations had to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer in a timely fashion so that the Standards Committee could be convened to make its decision.

Councillor Tom Kirkham moved to reject the recommendations within the report which was seconded by Councillor Justin Gilbody and following a vote it was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations in the report be rejected and not to change the rules relating to the granting of dispensations.

### STA16-24/25 COMPLAINTS UPDATE

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

It was confirmed that there had been an influx of complaints recently with four new complaints relating to Cresswell Parish Council and one against Shirebrook Town Council as well as earlier complaints which were still ongoing. Once reviewed the outcomes/decisions relating to completed complaints would be reported to the next meeting of the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed the process for reviewing complaints included:

- Initial assessment of the complaint to confirm if the individual was acting in their councillor role/capacity and if the issue fell within the jurisdiction of the Councillor Complaint Procedure.
- Whether a Local Resolution for example an apology could be applied or whether the complaint justified further investigation.
- Convening a Sub-Committee to consider the complaint including a hearing for the facts to be put by the complainant, the councillor and for the Investigation report to be considered.
- In the event of a breach being found the Sub-Committee had a range of sanctions to consider including:
  - Censure where the findings of the Sub-Committee had to be publicised by the relevant Parish/District Council;

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- Removal of the councillor from a position of office within the Parish/District council.

At present there was no power to suspend councillors following serious breaches but the Government was looking to review and enhance these powers which were considered to be too low at present.

### **STA17-24/25      WORK PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER 2024 TO MARCH 2025**

The Committee considered its work programme for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year. The Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer informed the Committee that Annual Summary of Compliments, Comments and Complaints which had originally be scheduled for today's meeting had been moved to the January 2025 meeting.

The meeting concluded at 14:32 hours.

## **Bolsover District Council**

### **Standards Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

#### **Councillor Complaints Procedure**

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

<b>Classification</b>	This report is public
<b>Report By</b>	Jim Fieldsend Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

#### **PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

To recommend a change to the Councillor Complaint Procedure.

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#### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **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

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> 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:  <b>Revenue - £75,000   <input type="checkbox"/>   Capital - £150,000   <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</b>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

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

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<b>Background Papers</b> <i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>

## **Bolsover District Council**

### **Standards Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

#### **Delegation of the Decision to Grant Dispensations**

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

<b>Classification</b>	This report is public
<b>Report By</b>	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.

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#### **REPORT DETAILS**

##### **1. Background**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	None
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Appendix No	Title
1	Standards Report, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024

<b>Background Papers</b>
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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**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is public
<b>Report By</b>	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.

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#### **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.



**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

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

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

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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 Disitrct 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)	

Bolsover District Council Standards Committee Work Programme.

From September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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