Cheltenham Borough Council

Standards Committee Annual Report – October 2023

1 Summary of Code of Conduct Complaints

- 1.1 This report sets out a summary of the Code of Conduct complaints considered by the Monitoring Officer between the period 1 November 2022 and 31 October 2023.
- 1.2 The council, and all parish councils in the Borough, have a statutory duty under the Localism Act 2011 to 'promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority'.
- 1.3 The monitoring officer is responsible for dealing with allegations that councillors have failed to comply with the members' code of conduct and for administering the local standards framework.
- 1.4 In accordance with Section 28 Localism Act 2011 the council has adopted a code of conduct, and this has also been made available to all parish councils to inform the adoption of their own code.
- 1.5 During the period 1 November 2022 and 31 October 2023, the Monitoring received four Code of Conduct complaints. One was dealt with informally and three were considered in accordance with the formal procedures:

Date	Subject Council	Outcome
February 2023	Complaint regarding a member of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council	Following an initial assessment and consultation with the Independent Person a decision notice was issued with the outcome of No Further Action
March 2023	Complaint regarding a member of Prestbury Parish Council	This complaint was the subject of a standards hearings on 16 May 2023 – full details are available on the councils website
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1.6 At the time of writing there are no outstanding Code of Conduct complaints

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