

Non-Executive Report of the: Standards Advisory Committee Thursday 21 September 2023	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Examples of Code of Conduct Complaints from Other Authorities	

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Wards affected	All Wards

Executive Summary

This brief report provides the Committee with a number of examples of Code of Conduct Complaints dealt with at other Local Authorities.

The examples are provided to the committee for interest and discussion as the Committee with responsibility for member conduct at the authority.

Recommendations:

The Standards Advisory Committee is recommended to:

1. Review and note the example code of conduct cases set out in Appendix 1 to this cover report.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 These cases will be of interest to the Committee as it has responsibility for overseeing Member conduct for the authority.
- 1.2 The Committee's Members may therefore have to deal with similar cases should such complaints be received by the Council.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 Not applicable – the examples are provided purely for information purposes.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Standards Advisory Committee has responsibility for managing Member conduct for the Council and in particular with investigating and hearing

complaints where Members may have breached the Code of Conduct and/or Member/Officer Relations Protocol.

- 3.2 It is therefore useful for the Committee to monitor the types of complaints that are being received at other authorities and, where available, the sanctions (if any) agreed by the Committees at those Councils.
- 3.3 The Monitoring Officer has therefore selected a number of recent cases from other authorities that are of potential interest to the Committee.
- 3.4 Members are asked to review the presented cases and time will be provided at the meeting for a discussion on any interesting points raised.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None specific to this report.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
 - Consultations,
 - Environmental (including air quality),
 - Risk Management,
 - Crime Reduction,
 - Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

- 5.2 Nil items.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority. The same section requires local authorities to adopt a code of conduct for members and co-opted members when they are acting in that capacity.
- 7.2 This report demonstrates the Council's compliance with the above legal requirements.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – List of example code of conduct complaints from other authorities

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A