

Standards Complaints & Local Assessments  
Active Cases  
As at: 20 February 2020

Year	Case Ref	Case Status	Received	Investigator
2019	EFDC 1-2019	That a councillor applied undue pressure on objectors to a planning application, to resolve objections made to a development proposal.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct by the member</b>	3 January 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 2-2019	That a councillor demonstrated unacceptable behaviour towards a local resident at a public (not Council) meeting.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct by the member.</b>	23 January 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 3-2019	That a local parish councillor failed to treat a member of the same authority with respect.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct by the member.</b>	28 January 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 4-2019	That a local town councillor broke several elements of the Code of Conduct in the running of a planning committee meeting, in their capacity as chairman of the committee.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct by the local town councillor.</b>	7 February 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 5-2019	That a councillor failed to comply with the Council's guidance on the receipt and acceptance of gifts and hospitality.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct or gifts and hospitality guidance by the member.</b>	6 February 2019	Monitoring Officer

2019	EFDC 6-2019	That a local parish councillor has been subjected to bullying by other members of the parish council.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct or bullying by members of the parish council.</b>	5 April 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 7-2019	That a member of a local council has significant current financial debts.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct as the nature of the complaint related to the private life of the member and not to their role as a local councillor.</b>	9 April 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 8-2019	That a number of members of a local council have frustrated the rights of other councillors to access documents and be involved in decisions of the council.  <b>Status: Assessment of complaint in progress.</b>	9 April 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 9-2019	That a local councillor behaved in an unacceptable manner at a meeting of a parish council.  <b>Status Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct in respect of part of the complaint and has instructed that the local councillor apologise to the parish council in writing.</b>	6 June 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 10-2019	That a parish council and individual members have demonstrated a lack of financial controls and transparency.  <b>Status: Assessment of complaint in progress.</b>	6 June 2019	Monitoring Officer

2019	EFDC 11-2019	That a local council behaved in an unacceptable manner with regard to the filling of a casual membership vacancy.  <b>Status: Assessment Complete. No breach of Code of Conduct. Advice offered to Parish Council to update policies and procedures.</b>	12 August 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 12-2019	That a councillor behaved in an unacceptable manner with regard to communication with a constituent and that the Council breached data protection legislation in the member's handling of their personal data.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct by the councillor.</b>	6 September 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 13-2019	That a local councillor failed to declare an interest with regard to the consideration of a planning application at a meeting of the local council.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. The Monitoring Officer has found no evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct by the member.</b>	30 September 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 14-2019	That members of an Area Plans Sub-Committee acted improperly by not disclosing a telephone conversation between the Chairman and the representative of an applicant for planning permission  <b>Status: Assessment of complaint in progress.</b>	8 November 2019	Monitoring Officer
2019	EFDC 15-2019	That a member of the Council used language in an email communication to an officer that was inconsistent with the Nolan Principles and failed to show respect.  <b>Status: Assessment completed. Although the Monitoring Officer has found evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct, it is not certain that the offensive language was made by the member subject of the complaint and an earlier instruction that the councillor apologise to the officer in writing, has been withdrawn by the Monitoring Officer.</b>	17 December 2019	Monitoring Officer