

<b>Committee :</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>25 January 2016</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Allegations against members</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Action:</b>	<b>For Information</b>

## **1. Background**

The purpose of this report is to present information to the Committee regarding formal complaints made against members. The report is based on information received from the Ombudsman and the case references are his.

## **2. Complaints**

### **2.1 Case No. 201503255**

Date received: 02/09/15

#### **Complaint**

The councillor had terminated a telephone call made to the complainant in relation to an incident where damage was caused to the complainant's property.

#### **Decision**

No investigation.

Insufficient information provided to substantiate the complaint and the Ombudsman will not investigate unless there is reasonably strong evidence to suggest a breach of the code.

### **2.2 Case No. 2665/201504570**

Date received: 18/11/15

#### **Complaint**

That the councillor's behaviour had been discriminatory and aggressive towards a local group during a meeting of the town council while discussing an application for funding for that group.

**Decision**

No investigation.

From the evidence available it did not appear that the matters alleged constituted a breach of the code. The councillor was entitled to ask questions and request verification of details for applicants for funding from the council as part of his duties as an elected member.

**2.3 Case No. 7294/201504586**

Date received: 18/11/15

**Complaint**

A complaint, by a fellow town councillor, that the councillor had used his camera to bully and harass him on two separate occasions and that he had abused him verbally on several occasions.

**Decision**

No investigation.

At the time of some of the alleged conduct, the individual was not acting as a councillor but as a private individual. The Code of Conduct only applies when a councillor is acting as a private individual in very specific circumstances, which did not appear to apply in this case. The complainant was unable to provide supporting evidence in respect of the other aspects of the complaint.

**3. Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to note the information.