

Teignbridge District Council
Governance Committee
Thursday 23rd April 2026
Part i

Code of Conduct Complaints Update

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the Councillor Code of Conduct complaints received.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee RESOLVES to:

(1) Note the report.

Financial Implications

No financial implications arise from this report.

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Legal Implications

No direct legal implications arise from this report. The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to adopt a Code of Conduct which the Council complies with. Arrangements for the operation of the Code of Conduct are the responsibility of the Council.

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Risk Assessment

No direct risk implications arise from this report, Breach of the Code of Conduct is Corporate Risk and the Committee contributes to the mitigation of this risk. The report provides an opportunity to report on the complaints received in mitigating the risk and their wider role in the Governance of the Council.

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Environmental/ Climate Change Implications

No direct environment or climate change implications arise from this report.

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Appendices

1. Code of Conduct Complaints Update

1. Introduction/Background

At the Governance Committee meeting on Thursday 2nd October 2025, the Committee agreed that a regular update of Code of Conduct complaints would be reported to the Committee.

2. Main Body

The update is appended to this report.

3. Implications, Risk Management and Climate Change Impact

Implications and risks are covered on page 1 of the report.

4. Alternative Options

There is no legal requirement to provide and publish an update, but it is considered good practice and benchmarked to other Local Authorities to share the complaints received to discharge of the Council's duties to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members.

5. Conclusion

The Committee is asked to note the report.

Appendix 1: Member Code of Conduct Complaints received

Time period: Since the last Governance Committee – 10th April 2026

FS Reference	Date received	Complainant type	Subject Member(s)	Alleged breach	Summary of complaint	Current stage	IP consulted?	Appealed?	Summary
FS-Case-807904175	4 th March 2026	Town Councillor	District Councillor	Respect, Bullying and Humiliation, Leadership	Communication from Member breached duty to treat others with respect and bullying and humiliation.	Stage 6	Yes		IP recommended informal resolution.
FS-Case-810823171	11 th March 2026	Member of the Public	District Councillor	Respect, Bullying and Humiliation, Disrepute, Improper use of position	Social media comments from the Member regarding transgender people.	Stage 1			Awaiting further clarification from the complainant
FS-Case-811936888	13 th March 2026	Member of the Public	N/A	N/A	Invalid, related to the Housing Service.	Invalid			Forwarded to the Housing Solutions Lead.
FS-Case-817393189	24 th March 2026	Member of the Public	Parish Councillors	Respect, Impartiality of Officers of the Council, Disrepute, Use of Position, Complying with the Code of Conduct	Complaint against three parish councillors concerning a number of events, correspondence and meetings.	Stage 3			Awaiting responses from the Subject Member.
FS-Case-824551668	8 th April 2026	Parish Councillor	Parish Councillor	Use of position, disrepute.	Complaint against the Chairman of the Parish Council covering a number of areas, albeit some are not related to the Code.	Stage 1			Complaint acknowledged.

