

Medway Council
Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee
Wednesday, 15 April 2026
6.00pm to 6.30pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

Present:	Councillors: McDonald (Chairperson), Brake, Peake and Van Dyke
Substitutes:	Councillors: Hackwell BEM (Substitute for Tejan) Nestorov (Substitute for Howcroft-Scott) Spring (Substitute for Kemp) Mrs Turpin (Substitute for Pearce)
In Attendance:	Teri Reynolds, Principal Democratic Services Officer Vicky Nutley, Head of Legal Services

848 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Howcroft-Scott, Kemp, Pearce, Louwella Prenter and Tejan.

849 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 13 August 2025 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

850 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

851 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

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Other interests

There were none.

852 Review of Complaints during 2024 and 2025

Discussion:

The Deputy Monitoring Officer presented the report to the Committee which provided data on councillor conduct complaints received by the Council's Monitoring Officer during 2024 and 2025. Comment was made of the initial screening process undertaken by the Monitoring Officer and how this had improved efficiencies of dealing with complaints since its introduction.

Decision:

The Committee noted the report.

853 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Committee agreed that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt material relating to agenda item 7 because consideration of these matters in public would disclose information falling within Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as specified in agenda item 6, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the Committee considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

854 Screening of Complaint - CCC/2026/003

Discussion:

The Deputy Monitoring Officer introduced the report which set out the details of a complaint relating to the conduct of a Medway Councillor. She explained that initial screening had been undertaken as part of the authority delegated by the Committee to initially screen complaints and the Monitoring Officer had concluded that it was not appropriate for him to determine that no further action be taken. The matter had therefore been referred to the Committee.

The Committee considered the allegations, having regard to the complaint, as set out in and attached to the Committee report. The Committee's assessment was undertaken with the Screening Process the Committee had adopted for this purpose.

The Committee determined that the allegations made in the complaint could potentially amount to a breach of the Member Code of Conduct.

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Decision:

The Committee agreed to instruct the Monitoring Officer to conduct an investigation of complaint CCC/2026/003, the outcome of which would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

Chairperson

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