

# North Somerset Council

## REPORT TO THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

**DATE OF MEETING: 5 FEBRUARY 2019**

**SUBJECT OF REPORT: COMPLAINT AGAINST A PARISH COUNCILLOR**

**TOWN OR PARISH: BLEADON**

**OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) that the Sub Committee together with the Independent Member and the Independent Parish Councillor consider the complaint; and
- ii) that the Sub Committee determine whether there has been a breach of the Bleadon Parish Council Code of Conduct by the said Councillor.

### 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

A complaint has been received from a member of the public regarding a Parish Councillor stating that the councillor has breached the Bleadon Parish Council Code of Conduct applicable to councillors.

### 2. POLICY

The Bleadon Parish Council Code of Conduct for Councillors contains information on how a councillor should behave when conducting business as a councillor.

### 3. DETAILS

A complaint has been received from a member of the public about a Bleadon Parish Councillor. The Code of Conduct is attached at Appendix 1.

The complaint can be found at Exempt Appendix 2.

The councillor who is the subject of the complaint was informed of the allegation and has responded in writing and his response can be found at Exempt Appendix 3.

### 4. CONSULTATION

The councillor has been informed about the complaint.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **Costs**

None

### **Funding**

None

## **6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS**

Standards regime is required by the Localism Act 2011

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

None

## **8. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **9. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

To uphold the Councillors' Code of Conduct

## **10. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The options as to whether there is a breach of the code will be considered by the Sub Committee

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None