

Appendix 8

Summary

The complainant complained that councillor 1 had made discriminatory comments in a council meeting and that councillor 2 had failed to control the meeting.

The complainant also supplied supporting statements.

Monitoring officer actions

The monitoring officer reviewed the complaint which were of a serious nature. The councillors were contacted for their views.

Councillor 1

Councillor 1 outlined their personal circumstances and indicated that they would not in a position to provide their comments.

Councillor 2

Councillor 2 provided their comments on the complaint.

Given the exceptional personal circumstances of councillor 1, the complainant was contacted to see if they would be willing to resolve this complaint under Other Course of Action. The complainant agreed and contact was maintained. The complainant agreed the wording of a public statement and the requirement for the council to be trained.

The views of the independent person were sought.

Outcome

The complaint was resolved under Other Course of Action and the recommendations of a public statement and training were complied with by the council.