

**Recommendations from the Standards Panel held on
12 January 2022**

The following were recommendations from the Standards Panel to the Audit and Governance Committee:

1. That information on best practice, especially in relation to planning issues, be circulated to parish councils through the council's normal communication route.
2. That the arrangements for dealing with code of conduct complaints be amended to remove the word 'trivial' and to replace with "not sufficient to show that the code of conduct is engaged".
3. That the Nolan Principles be sent to all town and parish councils with a request that they consider including them in all agendas to remind councillors of expected behaviour.
4. That the Nolan Principles be checked for updates and all relevant Council documentation be updated accordingly.
5. That the arrangements for dealing with code of conduct complaints be amended to make it clear who can make a complaint.
6. That the monitoring officer review the wording used when rejecting complaints in respect of similarity to previously resolved complaints.
7. That decision notices include details as to the powers and sanctions available to the monitoring officer.
8. That advice be provided to all councillors with regard to the use of social media and when acting as a councillor.