

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE – 26/03/2019

ASSESSMENT DECISION

Case No: TDCSC213/19
Complainant: CONFIDENTIAL

Subject Member: Councillor Tom King
Councillor Ron Rolfe

Date Complaint Received: 18 February 2019

Summary of Complaint:

The Complainant alleged that the Subject Members had bullied and harassed members of the public, a town clerk and other town councillors.

Relevant provisions of the Members Code of Conduct

Paragraph 2.2 - You must comply with this Code whenever you act in your capacity as a Member or Co-opted Member of the Authority

Paragraph 3.2(a) - You must not bully any person

Paragraph 3.2(f) - You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or the Authority into disrepute.

Recommended Decision

It was recommended that the informal dispute resolution procedure be instigated.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The Sub Committee considered that there was only sufficient evidence to show that one of the two subject members may have breached the Code of Conduct. The Sub Committee found it regrettable that the Subject Members had not engaged with NALC's Code of Conduct.

Formal Assessment Decision

The Standards Assessment Sub-Committee recommended that the informal dispute resolution procedure be instigated and that the Monitoring Officer should write a letter to the Councillor Rolfe who had demonstrated inappropriate behaviour on social media. The Sub-Committee recommended that no further action be taken in regard to the allegations made against Councillor King

Finality of Decision

There is no right of review of a decision.

Distribution

In accordance with the Council adopted arrangements, copies of this decision will be provided to:-

- The Subject Members: Councillor Thomas King and Councillor Ron Rolfe
- The Complainant: Confidential

Signed ...Nick Hughes.....

Date 08/04/2019

Deputy Monitoring Officer - Thanet District Council