

Meeting:	Standards Committee
Date :	23 March 2012
Title :	Allegations made against Councillors
Author :	Monitoring Officer
Action :	For Information

1. Background

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the developments since my previous report regarding allegations against councillors. The report is based on the information received from the Ombudsman.

2. Decisions

Case 201103095

Complaint against a community/town Councillor

- That he had used his position as a councillor to submit one set of plans to the planning authority with his planning application, whilst giving the builder another set. The complainant believed that it was an attempt to be able to build what he liked after obtaining planning permission
- The Ombudsman found that the councillor had obtained retrospective consent from the planning authority for what was built.

Decision: Not to investigate the complaint – no evidence that the member had attempted to use his position inappropriately for personal gain.

3. Outstanding allegations

Case 201100673

Complaint of bringing the councillors office or authority into disrepute.

The Ombudsman's investigation is continuing.

Case 201100986

Complaint of bringing the Councillor's office or authority in to disrepute by making unfounded allegations about the personal and professional life of the Councillor.

The Ombudsman's investigation is continuing

Case 3329/201102729

Complaint by a fellow member of the Community Council that:

- The Councillor had not declared a personal interest when his planning application was being discussed.
- The Councillor failed to leave the room after members pointed out that he had a personal interest and had asked him to leave.
- The Councillor had asked the clerk for information regarding the planning application.

The Ombudsman's investigation is continuing.

Case 201103099

Complaint against community/town councillor regarding unacceptable behaviour at a meeting, including assaulting a fellow member.

The Ombudsman's investigation is continuing.