

To: ECDC Members, Parish Councils, Independent Persons

From: Monitoring Officer

**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT, TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILLOR
CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE REVIEW**

The Council's Corporate Finance and Governance Committee have instigated a review of the code of conduct complaints procedure. The procedure was approved in March 2013 and has not been reviewed since that date.

As you can see from the attached report instigating the review, the Committee would welcome your views on the complaints procedure, especially in relation to Stage 2 of the process.

The Committee wish to ensure a balance between a properly open and accountable process that is seen to be taking complaints very seriously whilst providing safeguards against petty malicious complaints against Councillors.

Whilst the Committee would welcome your views on the whole process, it would especially ask you to consider this key question, specifically:

- Whether the 'political motivation' test should be retained, and if so, how is this judgement best discharged?

Comments need to be returned to Ms Maggie Camp, Monitoring Officer, email: maggie.camp@eastcambs.gov.uk by Friday 28 October 2016.

If you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

Maggie Camp
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