

Decision Notice by the Monitoring Officer – 22 January 2024 Complaint against Councillor Sally Povolotsky

1. On 20 September 2022, the Monitoring Officer received a complaint about the conduct of Councillor Sally Povolotsky.
2. In their complaint, the complainant highlighted instances where they were concerned that Councillor Povolotsky may have failed to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct (the Code).


Members' Advisory Panel

3. Under the *Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints Against Members*, a Members' Advisory Panel (the Panel) was formed from councillor members of the Audit & Governance Committee, with members drawn from three political groups.
4. On 30 November 2023 the Panel convened to consider allegations of breach of the code of conduct against the subject councillor.
5. The Panel having heard from the parties and having considered all the evidence and taking into account the views of the Independent Person considered that there had been a single breach of the code under paragraph 6.6.1 in that the subject member participated in the performance of a third-party contract whilst insufficiently highlighting her association to the Council.
6. They considered that there was no evidence of personal gain and that they considered the matter at the lowest end of the scale in terms of seriousness of breach. They therefore advised that the subject councillor be invited to undertake a course of training with the Monitoring Officer.

Decision of the Monitoring Officer

7. The Monitoring Officer has taken into consideration the advice of the Panel and accordingly has invited the subject councillor to attend a suitable training session.
8. Taking into account, the legal framework and statutory guidance regarding openness and transparency in local government, the circumstances of the subject councillor, and the advice of the Panel, the Monitoring Officer has taken the decision to publish the decision notice.

Signed



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Date 22 January 2024