

a Upon notification by the District Council that it is dealing with a complaint that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the council's code of conduct, the Proper Officer shall, subject to standing order 11 above, report this to the council.

b Where the notification in standing order 14(a) above relates to a complaint made by the Proper Officer, the Proper Officer shall notify the Chairman of Council of this fact, and the Chairman shall assume the duties of the Proper Officer in relation to the complaint until it has been determined [(England) and the council has agreed what action, if any, to take in accordance with standing order 14(d below].

c The council may:

1. provide information or evidence where such disclosure is necessary to progress an investigation of the complaint or is required by law;
2. seek information relevant to the complaint from the person or body with statutory responsibility for investigation of the matter.

d Upon notification by the District or Unitary Council that a councillor or non- councillor with voting rights has breached the Parish Council's code of conduct, the District Council shall consider what, if any, action to take against him/her.

Such action excludes disqualification or suspension from office.