



Reference: RFI 1801096

Request:

Please could you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For each of the last full five calendar years – 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:

- a) How many complaints were made against councillors in your authority under the members' code of conduct? For clarity, this refers to the code of conduct governing councillors' behaviour, as required to be adopted by councils under the Localism Act 2011.
- b) Of those complaints, how many were i) upheld; ii) partially upheld; iii) dismissed?
- c) What was the total cost of investigating the complaints, arising from, for example, officer time or any other expense associated with the investigations?

Response:

Questions a) and b): number of complaints received against Members of North Tyneside Council (with outcomes) under the Code of Conduct for Members for the years 2013 -17.

April 13 – March 14

1 complaint received

Outcome –

No further action: 1

April 14 – March 15

20 complaints received

Outcome –

No further action: 11

Informal Resolution: 0

Referred for investigation 9 Breach of Code of Conduct found: 6

No Breach of Code of Conduct found: 3

The information supplied to you is owned by the council unless otherwise stated and may be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research or for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use of a commercial nature will require the permission of the Council. Further enquiries in this respect should be directed to Head of Law and Governance, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant The Silver Link North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY

Reference: RFI 1801096

April 15 – March 16

15 complaints received

No further action: 15

Informal Resolution: 0

Referred for investigation 0 Breach of Code of Conduct found: 0

No Breach of Code of Conduct found: 0

April 16 – March 17

5 complaints received

No further action: 3

Informal Resolution: 2

Referred for investigation 0 Breach of Code of Conduct found: 0

No Breach of Code of Conduct found: 0

April 17 – to date

7 complaints received

Complaint withdrawn: 1

No further action: 3

Informal Resolution: 2

Referred for investigation: 1 (awaiting completion of investigation and then determination)

Question c): The total cost of the investigations conducted in the year 2014/2015 was £23,354.53. This cost relates to the appointment of external investigators to investigate and report on the complaints submitted. The Authority does not record time spent by its Officers in relation to the administration and management of the complaints.