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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI736781495

Thank you for your request for information relating to Code of Conduct investigations into councillors.

You have requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information on your council's Code of Conduct investigations into councillors, for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 (taking the financial year from 1 April to 31 March.)

1. Published Reports or Online Links

Please provide the URLs or copies of any annual or quarterly reports published on your website that summarise Code of Conduct complaints, outcomes, and investigations for the above years. This may include Standards Committee reports, Monitoring Officer updates, or local governance summaries. (For this request, I am not interested in any Parish Council investigations / complaints).

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view as the Council's Ethics Committee considers quarterly code of conduct reports and an Annual Report of the Ethics Committee which are available on the Council's website using the link below:

2. Case-Level Investigation Data

For each individual complaint that was formally investigated (not just referred or dismissed at initial filter stage), please provide this data in a spreadsheet or CSV, one row per case:

- Financial Year
- Investigator Type
- Total Cost of case (£)
- Hours Charged in the case
- Outcome Type

- Investigator Type should be one of:
 - Internal officer (e.g. MO/DMO)
 - Reciprocal arrangement with another Council
 - Independent freelancer
 - Specialist agency (e.g. Hoey Ainscough)
 - Law firm or solicitor (e.g. VWV, Wilkin Chapman Rollits, etc.)
 - Other (please specify)

- Outcome Codes

Please include a basic outcome classification, such as:

- no breach
- informal resolution
- breach found
- referred to full Standards Committee, etc.

Please see the table below.

Financial Year	Investigator Type	Total Cost of Case	Outcome Type
2022/2023	Solicitor (Cornerstone Barristers)	£2,500	Informal Resolution
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	Internal Officer	No Cost	No Breach
2023/2024	Solicitor (Anthony Collins)	£3,625	No Breach
	Solicitor (Anthony Collins)		No Breach
	Internal Officer	No Cost	No Breach
2024/2025	Internal Officer	No Cost	No Breach
	Internal Officer	No Cost	No Breach
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Regarding information on hours charged, we confirm as per Section 1(1) of the Act that this information is not held.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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