

**From:** Mohammed Farooq (Law and Governance)  
**Sent:** 15 January 2024 15:30  
**To:** Cllr. Rob Clinton (Dudley Council Elected Member)  
**Subject:** Members' Code of Conduct Complaint  
**Attachments:** FINAL Investigation Report 30 November 2023 - Cllr Clinton.pdf

Dear Cllr Clinton,

As you re aware Barbara Beardwell the Investigator in this matter has concluded that having satisfied herself that you were acting in your official capacity at the time of the behaviour complained of, you breached Paragraph 5.1 of the Council's Members' Code of Conduct, in that you did not treat other Councillors and members of the public with respect.

As per the Council's Standards Arrangements I now need to consider whether the matter can be reasonably resolved without the need for a hearing. In considering my decision I need to first ask you whether you accept that your conduct was unacceptable, and whether you are willing to offer an apology and to whom?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

**Mohammed Farooq**

Monitoring Officer and Lead for Law & Governance

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**From:** Barbara Beardwell <barbarabeardwell@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** 30 November 2023 20:36  
**To:** Cllr. Rob Clinton (Dudley Council Elected Member) <Cllr.DrRob.Clinton@dudley.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Mohammed Farooq (Law and Governance) <Mohammed.Farooq@dudley.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Members' Code of Conduct Complaint

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Dear Cllr Clinton,

Further to previous correspondence, I now attach a copy of my final investigation report.

I would be grateful if you would not disclose the report to anyone not involved in the investigation.

Regards

Barbara Beardwell

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**From:** Mohammed Farooq (Law and Governance)  
**Sent:** 15 February 2024 14:43  
**To:** Cllr. Rob Clinton (Dudley Council Elected Member)  
**Cc:** Cllr. Patrick Harley  
**Subject:** RE: Members' Code of Conduct Complaint

Dear Cllr Clinton,

Thank you for your email. In view of your response and as the Investigation has found a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct (para 5.1 - in relation to a lack of respect), if you are not willing to offer an apology as per the Council's Standards Arrangements the matter will need to be referred for a decision, to the Standards Sub-Committee.

I look forward to any further observations you may have.

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**From:** Cllr. Rob Clinton (Dudley Council Elected Member) <Cllr.DrRob.Clinton@dudley.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2024 3:07 PM  
**To:** Mohammed Farooq (Law and Governance) <Mohammed.Farooq@dudley.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Members' Code of Conduct Complaint

"Dear Mr Farooq, I believe as do many of my colleagues I have liaised with that this complaint is politically motivated. The debate can sometimes be very intense and robust as it was on this occasion. However, elected members should not be chastised by an opposition for simply showing passion for their argument, residents and beliefs."

Cllr Dr Rob Clinton PhD  
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood  
Cabinet Member for Climate Change  
Dudley MBC

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