

Appendix 1 – update on code of conduct cases.

Councillor	Date of alleged breach	Allegation	Decision of Hearing Sub Committee
Councillor Gary Hewson	February 2013	That Councillor Hewson sent an email to the Leader, Cllr Pete West and the DHCS which was alleged to have been disrespectful to officers of the Council; within the email Council Hewson alleged that officers were lying, that the housing service was 'lousy and lying' and that an officer had made a mess of a previous disciplinary investigation which Councillor Hewson had chaired.	<p>The Hearing Sub-Committee held that Councillor Hewson had breached the member code of conduct. The sub-committee was unanimous in the view that the tone and the language of the e-mail sent by Councillor Hewson, particularly the use of the word "lying" and with reference to another officer in the email that was totally unconnected was inappropriate.</p> <p>The sub-committee stated that Councillor Hewson was contacting a chief officer, as an elected member of the Council and that the tone, language and style of the email was not commensurate with that role.</p> <p>The sub-committee directed that the breach of the code of conduct should be marked by a formal censure for Councillor Hewson, as well as reporting its finding to full Council.</p>