

## **FACT FINDING SUMMARY**

### **Complaint from a councillor of Quorn Parish Council that another Member of Quorn Parish Council failed to observe the Member Code of Conduct**

#### **Complaint Ref: MC6 23/24**

A complaint ('the complainant') was submitted by a Quorn Parish Councillor that another Member of Quorn Parish Council ('the subject Member') failed to observe the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct.

The complaint alleged that the subject Member had breached the code of conduct and potentially the Data Protection Act as they were holding information about them without their permission. Reference was made to a written statement submitted by the subject Member as part of a code of conduct matter also relating to Quorn Parish Council investigated in June 2023. Furthermore, the complainant stated that this matter showed a pattern of intimidation and bullying behaviour.

In their response the subject member stated that they do not hold any information about the complainant other than information already in the public domain (e.g. newspaper websites, communal social media, LinkedIn), or on the Parish Council website (e.g. minutes) or on Parish Council emails. Further stating that as no specific examples or details had been given about the pattern of intimidation or bullying then they were unable to respond to this element of the complaint.

Having considered the complaint and the subject Members' response, the Monitoring Officer was satisfied that the subject member held no information about the complainant other than that already in the public domain. Therefore, in conclusion the Monitoring Officer concluded that the complaint warranted no further investigation.

#### **View of the Independent Person**

An Independent Person, Laurie Faulkner, was consulted and, having reviewed the evidence, agreed with the Monitoring Officer that the complaint warranted no further investigation.

**Karen Widdowson**

**Monitoring Officer**

**22 February 2024**