

Complaints about the Conduct of Councillors in Milton Keynes

ANNEX B

1. Please provide us with your name and contact details

Your details

Title	Mr
If other, please specify	
First name	Oliver
Surname	Balaam

Address

Address Line 1	██████████
Address Line 2	██████
Town	██████████
County	██████████
Post code	██████
Daytime telephone	██████████
Evening telephone	██████████
Mobile telephone	██████████
Email Address	████████████████████
Date of Complaint	06/04/2020

Your address and contact details will not usually be released unless necessary or to deal with your complaint.

However, we will tell the following people that you have made this complaint:

- The Councillor(s) you are complaining about
- The monitoring officer of the authority
- The parish or town clerk (if applicable)

We will tell them your name and a copy of your complaint. If you have serious concerns about your name and a summary, or details of your complaint being released, please complete section 4 of this form.

2. Please tell us which complainant type best describes you:

Please choose one of the options :-

	A Councillor
If other, please state	

3. Making your complaint

Please explain in this section what the Councillor has done that you believe breaches the Code of Conduct. If you are complaining about more than one Councillor you should clearly explain what each individual person has done that you believe breaches the Code of Conduct.

It is important that you provide all of the information you wish to have taken into account.

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For example:

- You should be specific, wherever possible, about exactly what you are alleging that the Councillor said or did. For instance, instead of writing that a Councillor insulted you, you should state what it was they said.
- You should provide the dates of the alleged incidents wherever possible. If you cannot provide exact dates it is important to give a general timeframe.
- You should confirm whether there are any witnesses to the alleged conduct and provide their names and contact details if possible.
- You should provide any relevant background information.

Please provide us with the name of the Councillor(s) you believe have breached the Code of Conduct and the name of their authority: - First Entry

Title	Mr
If other, please specify	
First name	Terry
Last name	Baines
Council or Authority name	Councillor for Campbell Park and Old Woughton

Please provide us with details of your complaint. - First Entry

	<p>On Tuesday, May 19th Cllr Terry Baines posted on a public Facebook page, he said: "It is time to stop the invasion of migrants and time to send a lot back."</p> <p>He has since apologized and referred himself to this committee.</p> <p>I have three points to make:</p> <p>Point one:</p> <p>These comments seem to breach General Obligations 2,3,4 & 6.</p> <p>2. respect others and not bully any person; 3. not do anything which may cause the Authority to breach its equality duties; 4. not do anything which compromises or is likely to compromise the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the Authority; 6. not conduct themselves in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing their office or the Authority into disrepute;</p> <p>Point two:</p> <p>Later in the day on May 19th Cllr Baines deleted his Twitter account. Unless he provided a copy of his Tweets to this committee this seems to breach obligation 10:</p> <p>10. submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office;</p> <p>Point three: MKFM published a news story covering Cllr Baines remarks. In the comments section of that news story David James Barker wrote:</p> <p>"Heâ€™s said far worse on Mk forums but I always assumed he was a troll"</p> <p>In the interest of transparency, I expect Cllr Baines is obligated to provide logs of his MK Forums communications to this committee?</p>
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	Link to David James Barker's comment: https://www.facebook.com/Mkfmradio/posts/3441427565886697?comment_id=3441712629191524&__cft__[0]=AZVNntiXrqNwhLzNHxIIWNYkTJ0LisvJSS8IPN3_tBMRBOe8jzbXfYZgTJj9xKVIu1aSR94FgYQq9CMLv_sjSX9IG-kuUGq_eHXZzmRwfRpZF4Djs7ZfM1NfDscSZjJnz3d7DgNpOCGpzTvDSDTMFiH8v5FWKsi55hrTizLpDZi6Q&__tn__=R]-R
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4. Informal Resolution

It is often preferable to resolve complaints without recourse to formal investigation and hearing and it is very important that all such options are explored prior to formal determination, such as mediation, explanation or an apology.

What steps you would feel could bring about that resolution of your complaint?

Please note that if no attempt is made at informal resolution the Sub-Committee may take this into account when determining your complaint.

Please provide us with details of what remedy you are seeking/what action you think might provide a satisfactory resolution to your complaint:

	Cllr Baines should tender his resignation
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5. Request for Confidentiality

Do you wish for your confidentiality to be protected ?

	No
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