

<b><u>Promoting Compliance With the Code of Conduct</u></b>			
Report by:	Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas		
Political Group:	Democratic Alliance (DA)		
No. of members:	8	No. trained on Code:	8 (100%)* (*one member from late in previous term)
For the period:	October 2022 – June 2023		
<b><u>Number, Source and Level of Complaints</u></b>			
	<b>Informal</b>	<b>Local Resolution</b>	<b>PSOW</b>
Public	0	0	0
Officers	0	0	0
Councillors	0	0	0
<b><u>Steps taken to Promote Compliance (To Be Completed by Group Leader)</u></b>			
Include matters such as:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- demonstrating personal commitment to and attending relevant development or training around equalities and standards;</li> <li>- encouraging group members to attend relevant development or training around equalities and standards;</li> <li>- ensuring nominees to a Committee have received the recommended training for that Committee;</li> </ul>			
<p><i>The Democratic Alliance (DA) group consists of 50% new members and 50% returning members, some of whom have served a number of terms successively.</i></p> <p><i>Members use their digital calendars accordingly and have attended a wide spectrum of training and briefing sessions (e.g. Corporate Plan, treasury management) together with training relevant to their specific committees, particularly specialist training such as development control or appeals for e.g.</i></p> <p><i>All members have attended Code of Conduct training.</i></p>			

*As Group Leader, I attend training sessions where my work commitments allow. I also sit on the Cabinet Committee – Equalities.*

- promoting civility and respect within group communications and meetings and in formal Council meetings;
- promoting informal resolution procedures in the Council, and working with the Standards Committee and monitoring officers to achieve local resolution;
- promoting a culture within the group which supports high standards of conduct and integrity;
- attend a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee if requested to discuss Code of Conduct issues;

*I am pleased to report that no member of the DA Group has had a complaint raised against them – whether informally or otherwise.*

- work to implement any recommendations from the Standards Committee about improving standards;
- work together with other group leaders, within reason, to collectively support high standards of conduct within the Council.

*I remain committed as Group Leader to working with the Standards Committee, as per the resolution on 30 September 2022, throughout this term in an effort to promote high stands of conduct in public office.*

*I continue to meet with fellow Group Leaders on a monthly basis to discuss a range of operational, strategic and other issues in a transparent and collegiate manner.*