



OADBY AND WIGSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS AND ETHICAL INDICATORS

QUARTER 1 REPORT

2023/2024

1. Introduction

This is the quarterly report to the Policy Finance and Development Committee detailing both the figures for the Ethical Indicators and the figures for the Local Determination of Complaints process for 2023/2024.

For clarification purposes the months covered by the quarters are as follows:

Quarter 1 – 1 April to 30 June
Quarter 2 – 1 July to 30 September
Quarter 3 – 1 October to 31 December
Quarter 4 – 1 January to 31 March

The report is split into two parts for ease of reference; Part 1 refers to the local determination of complaints, part 2 is the table showing the ethical indicators figures.

The report will enable the Policy Finance and Development Committee to build up a picture over time of how many complaints are received and where these are coming from. The parts of the Code of Conduct which have been breached will also be recorded to enable training to be targeted effectively.

2. Part 1 – Local Determination of Complaints

The Monitoring Officer received 1 complaint in Quarter 1 of 2023/2024 which is still under review.

2.1 Source of Complaint

The complaint was by a member against another member.

2.2 Assessment Sub-committee Decisions

There have been No Assessment Sub-committee meetings in this quarter.

2.3 Timeliness of Decision

The Standards for England Guidance stated that the Assessment Sub-committee should complete its initial assessment of an allegation “within an average of 20 working days” to reach a decision on what should happen with the complaint. The Council has taken this standard and adapted it under the new rules to aim to hold an Assessment Sub-committee within 20 working days of notifying the parties that informal resolution is not possible.

2.4 Review Requests

There have been no review requests in this quarter. Review requests can only be made following a decision of ‘No further Action’ by the Assessment Sub-committee where there is submission of new evidence or information by the complainant.

2.5 Subsequent Referrals

None

2.6 Outcome of Investigations

There were no formal investigations concluded in this period.

2.7 Parts of the Code Breached

This section is intended to show where there are patterns forming to enable the Policy Finance and Development Committee to determine where there needs to be further training for Councillors. Targeting training in this way makes it more sustainable and, hopefully, more effective.

So far this year, the following areas of the code were found to have been breached:

Not applicable

Ref	Performance Indicator Description	Officer responsible for providing information	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
			2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024
LG1	Objections to the Council's Accounts	Head of Finance	0	0	0		0		0	
LG2	Follow up Action relating to breaches of the Member/Officer Protocol (Members)	Head of Law & Democracy	0	0	0		0		0	
LG3	Disciplinary Action relating to breaches of the Member / Officer Protocol (Staff)	HR Manager	0	0	0		0		0	
LG4	Number of Whistle Blowing Incidents Reported	Head of Law & Democracy	0	0	0		0		0	
LG5	No. of Recommendations made to improve Governance Procedures/Policies		0	0	0		0		0	
LG6	No. of Recommendations Implemented		0	0	0		0		0	

Corporate Complaints

Ref	Performance Indicator Description	Officer responsible for providing information	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
			2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024
LG7	No. Corporate Complaints received	Policy, Compliance, and Data Protection Officer	37	56	29		32		53	
	No. Corporate Complaints escalated to L2		9	9	5		5		6	
	No. Corporate Complaints escalated to Ombudsman		2	1	3		0		0	
LG7a	No. Corporate Complaints Resolved at L1		26	47	24		27		47	
	No. Corporate Complaints Resolved at L2		7	9	5		5		6	
LG7b	No. Corporate Complaints where compensation paid		1	0	2		0		0	
	Service Area		Licensing	-	Housing		-		-	
LG8	No. Ombudsman complaints received		2	1	2		0		0	
	Service Area		-	N/A (General OWBC)	-		-		-	
LG8a	No. Ombudsman complaints resolved		0	1	0		0		1	
LG8b	No. Ombudsman complaints not yet determined by the Ombudsman		0	0	0		0		0	
LG8c	No. Ombudsman complaints where compensation paid		0	0	1		0		0	

Freedom of Information Act Indicators

Ref	Performance Indicator Description	Officer responsible for providing information	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
			2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024
LG9a	No. of FOI Requests Compliant	Policy, Compliance, and Data Protection Officer	181	178	116		112		172	
LG9b	No. of Non-compliant FOI Requests		11	10	398		8		16	
LG9c	No. of FOI Requests still open and within the 20 working days		0	0	0		7		0	
LG9d	No. of FOI Requests withheld due to exemptions/fees applied		4	7	2		2		1	

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act Indicators

Ref.	Performance Indicator Description	Officer Responsible for Providing Information	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
			2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024
LG10	No. of Directed Surveillance Authorisations granted during the quarter	Head of Law & Democracy	0	0	0		0		0	
LG10a	No. in force at the end of the quarter		0	0	0		0		0	
LG10b	No. of CHIS recruited during the quarter		0	0	0		0		0	
LG10c	No. ceased to be used during the quarter		0	0	0		0		0	
LG10d	No. active at the end of the quarter		0	0	0		0		0	
LG10e	No. of breaches (particularly unauthorised surveillance)		0	0	0		0		0	
LG10f	No. of applications submitted to obtain communications data which were rejected		0	0	0		0		0	
LG10g	No. of Notices requiring disclosure of communications data		0	0	0		0		0	
LG10h	No. of authorisations for conduct to acquire communications data		0	0	0		0		0	
LG10i	No. of recordable errors		0	0	0		0		0	

Anti-Social Behaviour Indicators

Ref.	Performance Indicator Description	Officer responsible for providing information	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
			2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024
	No. of Complaints Registered	Head of Law and Democracy	24	1/21	17/34		11/14		3/17	
	No. of Disposals		5	1/4	3/10		6/8		2/1	
	No. of Complaints still Open		1	1/0	4/0		5/2		2/0	
	No Further Action (where suspect identified)		3	0/1	1/8		0/3		0/4	
	No Further Action (no suspect identified)		17	0/17	13/22		5/8		1/13	

Blue text – Housing

Red text – ASB Officer

ASB Officer Q1 2023/2024 – 2 suspects given a disposal who are named on the same ASB report.

Food Safety Inspections

Ref.	Performance Indicator Description	Officer responsible for providing information	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
			2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024	2022/2023	2023/2024
BPE31	No. of high-risk Inspections	Head of Law & Democracy	3	1	2		4		1	
	No. of medium/low inspections		N/A	8	N/A		56		56	
	No. new business registered		14	37	9		8		13	
	Outstanding medium low risk inspections from 2022.		N/A	30						
	No. of high-risk Inspections Completed	Head of Law & Democracy	3	1	2		1		4	
	No. of medium risk/low inspections Completed/ closed		N/A	3	23		40			
	No. of new business triaged		13	26	7		7			

No. of Inspections Outstanding									
High risk		0		0		3		0	
Medium risk		5		N/A		16		0	
New businesses		9		3		1		0	
D's 2022		2							

- High risk are A/D risk rating businesses. Medium/ Low are C/D's. We have a small amount of medium low risk to pull back into the inspection program from COVID from 2022. All other high and medium inspection are now completed as stated in the FSA recovery plan. The FSA recovery plan has ceased from April 2023/
- New businesses continue to receive a triage call to assess their activities, if High risk then a physical inspection is selected to be carried out. Low risk is not being carried out now but remain under review.