Member's code of conduct complaint - Reference: COC000040

Your details

- Title: Mr
- First name: David
- Last name: Buckley

Complaint details

- Please select the option which best describes who you are: Councillor or Parish Councillor of the Council
- Please specify the paragraphs in the Code of Conduct that you believe apply to your complaint. If your complaint is about a Parish or Town Council Member, please refer to their Code of Conduct, which is different to the Borough's Code of Conduct.: Paragraphs 4.1a, 4.1b, 4.2 and 5.1
- Name of the Councillor you believe has breached the Code of Conduct?: Cllr Ewan Larcombe
- Name of their authority or council: Datchet Parish Council
- Details of your complaint: Mr Larcombe has downloaded confidential information from a secure councillor dropbox folder and posted them on his website knowing that these were documents from a council Part II meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 2026. These documents were specific to a legal case taken out by Ewan Larcombe against the council regarding the charity named Datchet Recreational Centre Charity Trust. I have attached a summary of the data breach and the links to the evidence with screenshots in case the website is taken down in the meantime. Mr Larcombe was clear of this legally sensitive information but still went ahead to download and publish the information into the public domain or acquiring the information to help his legal case against the council, which is ongoing.

Complaint outcome details

- Please give details of the action or outcome you would like?: We would like the website taken down as it clearly is a vehicle to bring the council into disrepute and to spread misinformation and legal of commercially sensitive information by the councillor. A public apology to the parish council at a council meeting by Mr Larcombe explaining his error of judgement and assurrances he will never misuse his position of trust with the council again without previous written permission from the clerk or the monitoring officer

- If appropriate, would you be happy for the Monitoring Officer to attempt to resolve your complaint informally?: No

Evidence uploads and details

- Please attach copies of any correspondence, documents, names and details of witnesses and any other evidence you feel is relevant to your complaint.: DHWNEWS_Publication_of_Confidential_Council_Papers_Evidence_Report_copy.docx
- Please give a brief description of the documents you have uploaded: We have uploaded a summary of events and evidence to support this code of conduct

Declarations

- I have read the Guidance notes on making a complaint about a Councillor: I agree
- You understand and accept that the details will be disclosed to the Councillor that you have complained of, any parties involved in the complaints procedure or outside authorities required to monitor the council's complaints procedure by law.: I understand
- You understand that if your complaint relates to a parish or town council member then the Parish Clerk will be advised.: I understand
- You understand the Council is unlikely to keep your identity or the information you provide confidential.: I understand

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