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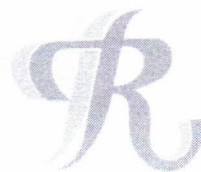
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Bingham Town Councillors

Dear Bingham Town Councillors,

At the meeting of Rushcliffe Borough Council's Standards Committee on the 28th September the Monitoring Officer presented her casework update report. The report highlighted Code of Conduct Complaints received and their outcomes. The Committee noted that a significant number of complaints related to Bingham Town Council.

Whilst both the report and the Monitoring Officer at the meeting made it clear that the complaints had not been accepted under the code, members were mindful of the roles and functions of the Standards Committee, which include: promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct, assisting the Councillors and co-opted members to observe the Councillor Code of Conduct, monitoring the operation of the Councillor Code of Conduct and, advising, training or arranging to train the Councillors and co-opted members on matters relating to the Councillor Code of Conduct.

It was with the remit of the Committee in mind that members discussed how they might support the Town Council to move forward positively. Given the number of complaints received, the Committee were mindful of the impact of the complaints on the residents of Bingham as well as on the reputation of the Town Council – our aim was to support not to cast judgement. I, as chair of the Committee, made comments that I felt reflected the feeling of members of the Committee in order to summarise what had been said and move the debate forwards.

I write to clarify that in making these comments it was not my intention to suggest that there was any credence in the complaints made. It is clear that this is a matter for the Monitoring Officer and members of the Committee understood that she had already dealt with the complaints before the meeting.

My intention as chairman of the Committee was to support the Town Council and the residents of Bingham. Following its discussion, the Committee resolved to write to the Town Council suggesting that independent arbitration may assist in moving past this spate of recent complaints, allowing you to continue focusing on the development of Bingham and its residents.

I, as Chairman of the Standards Committee, and my fellow members, am committed to supporting in any way we can the Town Council through what is clearly, given the number of complaints made to the Monitoring Officer, a difficult time. If you can think of alternative ways in which we can support you to move past this situation, please do not hesitate to let us know how we can help.

Yours sincerely,

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