



FOI REF:	15915
RESPONSE SENT:	8/8/25

Request

Dear Winchester City Council,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information on your council's Code of Conduct investigations into councillors, for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 (taking the financial year from 1 April to 31 March.)

1. Published Reports or Online Links

Please provide the URLs or copies of any annual or quarterly reports published on your website that summarise Code of Conduct complaints, outcomes, and investigations for the above years. This may include Standards Committee reports, Monitoring Officer updates, or local governance summaries. (For this request, I am not interested in any Parish Council investigations / complaints).

2. Case-Level Investigation Data

For each individual complaint that was formally investigated (not just referred or dismissed at initial filter stage), please provide this data in a spreadsheet or CSV, one row per case:

- Financial Year
- Investigator Type
- Total Cost of case (£)
- Hours Charged in the case
- Outcome Type
- Investigator Type should be one of:
 - o Internal officer (e.g. MO/DMO)
 - o Reciprocal arrangement with another Council
 - o Independent freelancer
 - o Specialist agency (e.g. Hoey Ainscough)
 - o Law firm or solicitor (e.g. VWV, Wilkin Chapman Rollits, etc.)
 - o Other (please specify)
- Outcome Codes



Please include a basic outcome classification, such as:

- o no breach
- o informal resolution
- o breach found
- o referred to full Standards Committee, etc.

3. Nil responses

Please indicate if there is a nil response in any year, i.e. if there were no formal investigations.

4. Parishes or Town Councils – out of scope

Details of Parish / Town Council complaints which are referred to a District / Borough Council Monitoring Officer are not requested as part of this Freedom of Information Act request.

Confidentiality

Please do not disclose personal names of members, complainants, officers or investigators. Simply code anonymised cases for analysis.

This request is designed to enable analysis of who performs Code of Conduct investigations in practice, when external expertise is used, and at what cost.

Response

1. Published Reports or Online Links

URL Links and page number references listed below.

1. [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Audit and Governance Committee, 08/03/2022 18:30](#)
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2. [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Audit and Governance Committee, 29/06/2022 18:30](#)
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13. (Public Pack)Agenda Document for Audit and Governance Committee, 17/07/2025 18:30
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2. Case-Level Investigation Data

Table summary as requested.

Year	Investigator	Total Cost	Hours	Outcome
22/23	Internal officer	n/a	n/a*	Informal Resolution
22/23	Internal officer	n/a	n/a*	Informal Resolution
23/24	Internal officer	n/a	40	No breach
23/24	Internal officer	n/a	10	No breach
23/24	Internal officer	n/a	36	Breach
24/25	Internal officer	n/a	12	No breach

*Officer time recording began on the 1 July 2023.

3. Nil responses

As above.

4. Parishes or Town Councils – out of scope

Table above only relates to complaints regarding Winchester City Councillors.

