

Appendix 2

Overview of complaints alleging that members have breached the code of conduct which were received in between 1st Jan & 31st Dec 2023

Section one – volume & status of complaints

Table 1 - Number of complaints

Complaints against members made in 2019	Complaints against members made in 2020	Complaints against members made in 2021	Complaints against members made in 2022	Complaints against members made in 2023
13	33	36	26	31

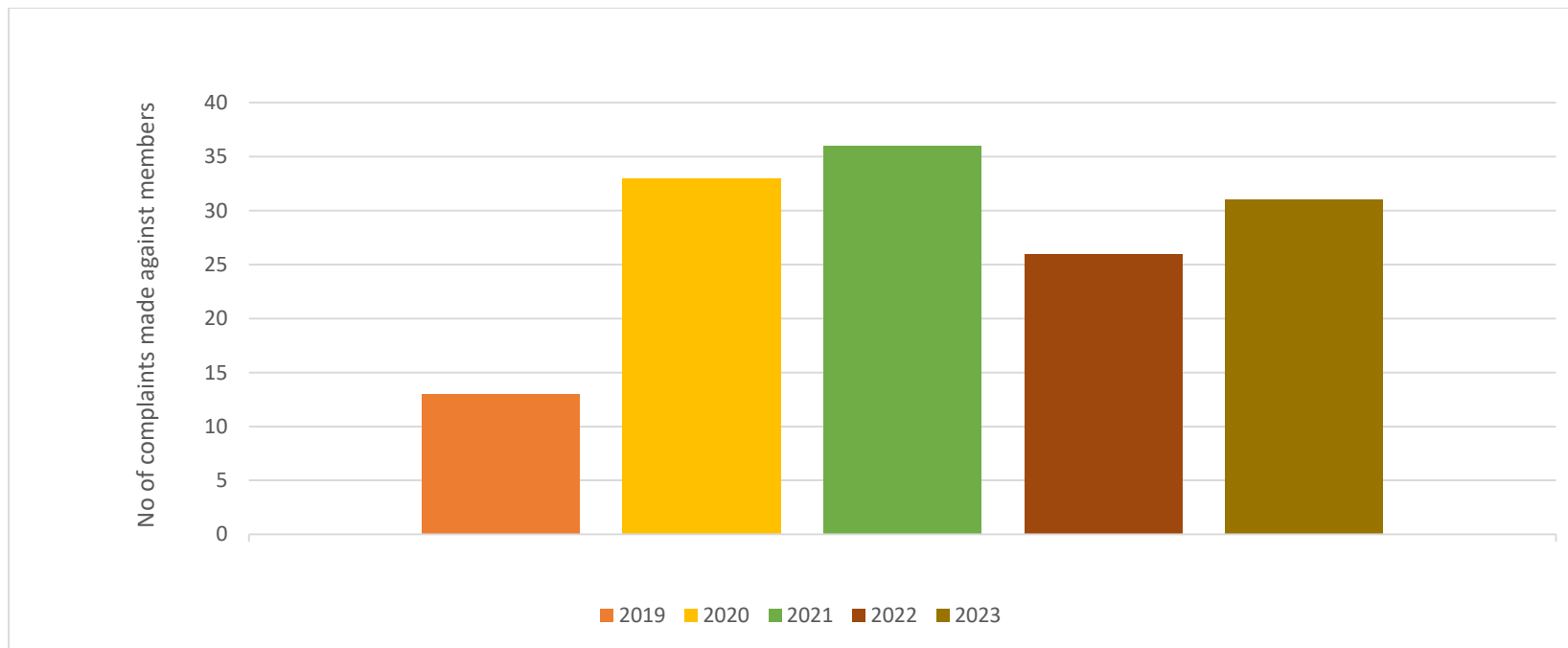
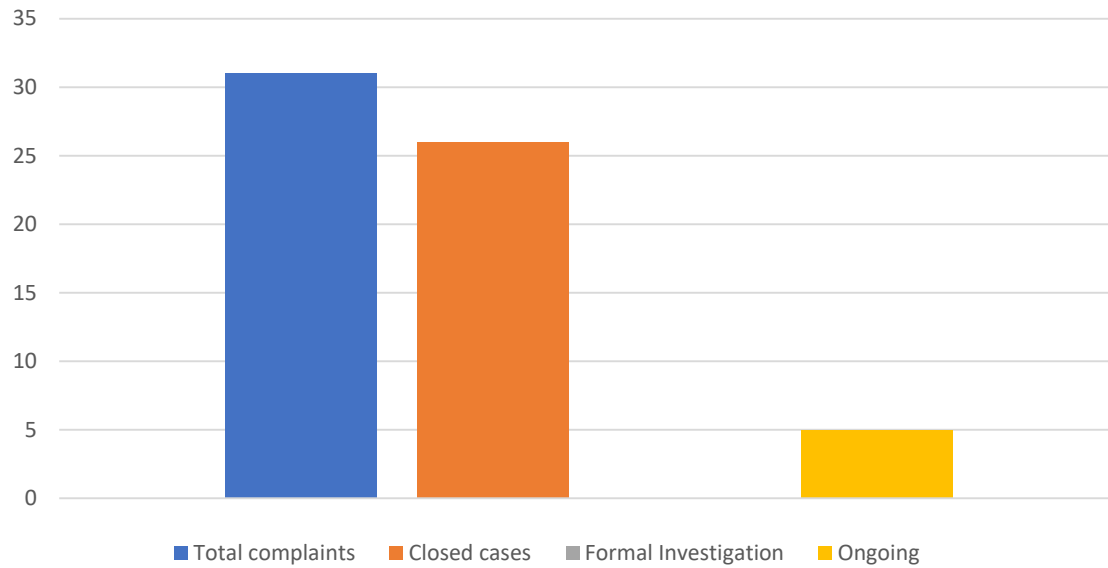


Table 1.1 – Status of complaints received in during 2023 as at 17/1/24



Comments:

- 26 complaints have been determined while 5 remain at preliminary assessment stage at time of writing.

Section two – Data re subject members (ie the members who were the subject of complaints) and also complainants

Table 2.1 – subject members

	Total number of councillors complained about
2023	27
2022	11

Table 2.2 - complainants¹

	Complaints made by members about other members	Complaints made by residents or other stakeholders*
2023	6	25
2022	3	23
2021	5	31

¹ NB complaints made about members by officers are normally dealt with under the Council's Officer/ Member Protocol.

Section 3 - Complaint topics/ content

Table 3.1 – Complaint topics

Code	Description of type of conduct complained about	2023	2022	2021
A	Complaints (including but not only by constituents) about members' discharge of their ward responsibilities, or other activities in their wards	18	6	14
B	Complaints about comments or conduct either at council meetings, or at meetings at which members are representing BHCC	10	8	3
C	Complaints about conduct relating to council business or other members made outside council meetings, including on social media	0	9	16
D	Complaints about a member's conduct or position on an issue which is not council business or a ward matter, including conduct or a statement reported in the press or made on social media	3	3	3