COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLORS BELLO AND NAGRA WOODLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Decision

Following a complaint against Councillor Bello and Councillor Nagra in their capacity as Woodley Town councillors, an investigation was conducted into the allegations which centred on election material publicly circulated in advance of the 2 May 2024 local elections.

The election material claimed that Woodley Town Council had voted against the installation of CCTV. This was inaccurate.

It was found that the following aspects of Woodley Town Council's Code of Conduct had not been met:-

20.1.e.ii, vi, and vii - When carrying out their public role, Councillors should always have regard to the seven principles of public life.

20.7.a - Councillors must not behave in such a way that a reasonable person would regard as disrespectful to others.

20.7.c - Councillors must not seek to improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person.

Councillors Bello and Nagra has been asked to make a written apology to the complainant and will also receive training on aspects of the Code.

In accordance with Rule 9.1.13.3 of the Borough Council's Constitution, the decision notice was published on the Council's website on 26 November 2024. A copy of the decision notice has been sent to the complainant, the Subject Members, and the Independent Person. Woodley Town Council has been requested to report the decision to its next Council meeting.