

If the allegation is upheld and a breach of the code of conduct is found the Standards Committee have a range of sanctions available to them.

Any queries regarding the Complaints process should be directed to the Monitoring Officer at the address at the end of this form.

Making Your Complaint

1. Please provide us with your name and contact details

Title:	Councillor
First name:	Frank
Last name:	Lott
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Your address and contact details will not usually be released unless necessary or to deal with your complaint.

However, we will tell the following people that you have made this complaint:

- the Member(s) you are complaining about
- the Council's Independent Person(s) with whom the Monitoring Officer must consult before deciding whether the matter warrants referral for investigation or other action.
- the Standards Committee

We will tell them your name and give them a summary of your complaint. We will give them full details of your complaint where necessary or appropriate to be able to deal with it. If you have serious concerns about your name and a summary or details of your complaint being released, please complete section 5 of this form.

2. Please tell us which complainant type best describes you:

- Member of the public
- An elected or co-opted Member of an authority
- Member of Parliament

- Monitoring Officer
- Other council officer or authority employee
- Other ()

3. Please provide us with the name(s) of the Member(s) of North Tyneside Council whom you believe has breached the Code of Conduct:

Title	First name	Last name
<i>Mr</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Ord</i>

4. Please explain in this section (or on separate sheets) what the Member has done that you believe breaches the Code of Conduct. If you are complaining about more than one Member you should clearly explain what each individual person has done that you believe breaches the Code of Conduct.

It is very important that you provide all the information you wish to have taken into account by the Monitoring Officer when he/she decides whether to take any action on your complaint. For example:

- You should be specific, wherever possible, about exactly what you are alleging the Member said or did. For instance, instead of writing that the Member insulted you, you should state what it was they said.
- You should provide the dates of the alleged incidents wherever possible. If you cannot provide exact dates it is important to give a general timeframe.
- You should confirm whether there are any witnesses to the alleged conduct and provide their names and contact details if possible.
- You should provide any relevant background information.

Please provide us with the details of your complaint. Continue on a separate sheet if there is not enough space on this form. *Please see attached letter.*

- ① At the Council meeting on 27th November, Mr. Ord referred to either the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel chairman OR to his definition of "the mean average" as ridiculous
- ② When I told the Chair of Council that I considered that to be unacceptable, Mr. Ord raised his left arm towards me with the middle finger upmost.
- I consider both the statement and the action unacceptable.*

Only complete Section 5 if you are requesting that your identity be kept confidential.

5. In the interests of fairness and natural justice, we believe Members who are complained about should be informed of who has made the complaint and be provided with a summary of the complaint. We are unlikely to withhold your identity or the details of your complaint other than in exceptional circumstances.

The Monitoring Officer will consider the request for confidentiality as a preliminary matter before the substance of your complaint. We will then contact you with the decision. If your request for confidentiality is not granted, we will usually allow you the option of withdrawing your complaint.

However, it is important to understand that in certain exceptional circumstances where the matter complained about is very serious, we can proceed with an investigation or other action and disclose your name even if you have expressly asked us not to.

Please provide us with details of why you believe we should withhold your name and/or the details of your complaint:



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Dear Mrs Geary

At the Council meeting held on 27th November, during the debate on Councillors Allowances and following Mr. John Anderson's response to Cllr. Ord's query as to how the mean average had been calculated, Cllr Ord shouted "That's mindless!"

I took exception to this on the basis that it is insulting to refer to either the answer given or to the work of the Independent Remuneration Panel in this way and indicated to the Chairman that such a comment was out of order and unacceptable. At this point in the meeting, prior to his apparent Nazi salute after which Cllr Mulvenna asked him to leave the Chamber, Cllr Ord raised his left arm with a middle finger gesture in my direction. I am given to understand that this is described as "flipping the finger".

I believe that this is also unacceptable behaviour and therefore wish to register an official complaint against Cllr. Ord and I request that this matter be referred to the Standards Committee.

Yours sincerely

Frank Lott