

To: Council

Date: 24 November 2025

Report of: Monitoring Officer

Title of Report: Recommendation from the Standards Committee to censure Councillor Malik

Summary and recommendations	
Decision being taken:	The Local Hearing Panel of the Standards Committee found that Councillor Malik had breached the Council's Code of Member Conduct and that the sanction imposed should be the formal censure of the full Council.
Key decision:	No
Cabinet Member:	N/A
Corporate Priority:	None.
Policy Framework:	None.

Recommendation(s): That the Council resolves to:
1. Censure Councillor Malik in respect of the finding that he breached the Members' Code of Conduct.

Information Exempt From Publication	
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Introduction and background

1. Complaints were received by the Monitoring Officer concerning the behaviour of Cllr Malik at the full Council meeting on the 18 March 2024 when interrupting fellow councillor Anna Railton, shouting over her as she spoke.

2. At its meeting on 12 May 2025 the Local Hearing Panel (the Panel) considered two complaints that Councillor Malik had breached the Members' Code of Conduct. It specifically found as that Councillor Malik has breached the Code of Conduct as follows:
 - That Councillor Malik had acted in a way that negatively impacted on the meeting of full Council on 18 March 2024 and the ability for the voices of other councillors and officers to be heard. Whilst the Panel found that Cllr Malik's actions were intimidating, insulting, undermining and denigrating to officers and councillors, it was not agreed upon that bullying had occurred.
 - That Councillor Malik had therefore breached sections 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5 of the Code of Conduct in relation to respect, giving due regard to professional advice and bringing the Council into disrepute.
3. The Panel determined that the sanction to be imposed is the censure of the full Council.

Financial implications

4. There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Legal issues

5. Censure is one of the sanctions available where a councillor is found to have breached the Code of Conduct.

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Background Papers:	
1	(Public Pack)Minutes Document for Standards Committee, 12/05/2025 18:00