

**DECISION RECORD**

<b>Date document may be made public</b> (date of decision unless there are reasons why the information is exempt from publication at the date of decision):		17 August 2023
<b>Reason exempt from publication at the point of decision (if applicable)</b>		n/a
<b>Decision Maker</b> Director of Legal Services and Partnerships and Monitoring Officer		Ref:
Delegated Authority :		
<b>Part B, Paragraph 18 of the Constitution</b>		
<b>Decision :</b>  In the course of his role as a councillor, Cllr McMurray published two posts on private webpages hosted by the Social Media publishing company Meta, which commented disrespectfully upon both an individual and an organisation. An investigation determined that the posts were not appropriate did not treat those referred to with respect. An apology was offered but declined by the complainant.  The investigation finding that the posts were not respectful is upheld, however, given the contrition of the Councillor and the offer of an apology, no sanction is proposed.		
<b>Reasons for Decision:</b> The member Code of Conduct provides in relation to members of Council provides that:  3.1. You must treat others with respect.		
<b>Nature of Decision:</b>		<b>Key/Non-key</b>
<b>Facts:</b>  1. Councillor McMurray was a member of a group of individuals who shared their thoughts on the Social Media platform, 'Facebook'. 2. Councillor McMurray identified himself as a Councillor on the platform and accepted that his membership of the group was in his role as a Councillor. 3. Councillor McMurray published two comments that were not respectful about an individual and a group. 4. The published comments came to the attention of the complainants who made a complaint under the Code of Conduct.		
Signature of Decision Maker:		Signed . . . . . Signature confirmed. . . . .
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<b>For completion by the Scrutiny Office:</b>	
Date of publication to members	17 August 2023
Can the decision be called in? (If decision liable to call in, decision will not come into affect for 5 working days after publication)	Yes/No
Date decision comes into force	17 August 2023
Response of the Leader of the Labour Group Leader	

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