

Decision of the Standards Hearing Committee – 28th August 2024

The Standards Hearing Committee (“the Committee”) finds that on the balance of probabilities and having carefully reviewed the evidence available, on the 18th October 2022, Councillor David Whipp applied undue and excessive force to the Council Chamber door when opening it.

The Committee consider this to be breach of the Code of Conduct for Members as opening the door with such force against other members standing behind the door amounted to failing to treat fellow councillors with respect.

However, the Committee note that there was generally inappropriate behaviour amongst others in the Council Chamber which is not befitting of the role of councillor.

The Standards Hearings Committee has decided to take the following action: -

1. Publish its findings in respect of the Councillor’s conduct
2. Report its findings to the Council for information
3. Recommend to the Council that the Councillor be censured
4. Recommend that Councillor David Whipp make a written apology to the Council at the next Full Council meeting