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Selby District Council Monitoring Officer - Decision Notice - regarding Complaint against Councillor I Edmondson

Summary of Complaint – Two Councillors from Tadcaster Town Council made a complaint to the Monitoring Officer of Selby District Council alleging that Councillor I Edmondson of Tadcaster Town Council had breached the Code of Conduct of at a Town Council meeting on 3 May 2016 by heckling two Councillors and repeatedly using offensive language, this behaviour was felt to be disrespectful.

Decision – That Councillor Edmondson is in breach of the Code of Conduct by failing to treat Councillor Sweeting with respect.

Recommendation on Sanction –

I would recommend that Councillor Edmondson

- Apologise to Councillor Sweeting
- Undertake training on the Code of Conduct within 6 months of the decision

Resolved – The Council notes the findings of the District Council Monitoring Officer that Councillor I Edmondson breached the Town Councils Code of Conduct. Council also notes the statutory duty under the Localism Act 2011 to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members. Council therefore resolves to pass a motion of its disapproval of Councillor Edmondson's conduct as set out in the Decision Notice and his refusal to apologise and undertake training and this decision be placed on the website.