

Case Study 2

Cllr Tump disagrees with the running of the local school. In particular Cllr Tump objects to the decision by the Governors to sack one of their members, Mr Cannon, who is a close friend of Cllr Tump.

Cllr Tump asks the clerk, Mr Coney, to write to the governors saying that the Council objected to the sacking of Mr Cannon. When Mr Coney refused to do so without a Council resolution Cllr Tump warned him that legal action could be taken against the Council if a letter was not sent.

At the next council meeting Cllr Tump raised the sacking of Mr Cannon and again asked for a letter to be sent to the governors. When his fellow Councillors refused to support his request Cllr Tump sent several emails from his council email address and signed 'Cllr D Tump' to the local County Councillors, AMs and MPs calling for them to step in and have Mr Cannon reinstated as a governor of the school.

Questions

1. Does the Code apply?
2. If it does, have any breaches of the code occurred?