Case Study 3

Cllr Tump is a big fan of Facebook and regularly uses it to share information about his role as a Cllr, usually in the early hours of the morning.

Cllr Tump sends a message to the 3 fellow members of a Facebook messenger group which he is part of in which he makes rude and offensive comments about the appearance of a fellow councillor.

One of the group members is friendly with that Cllr and makes them aware of Cllr Tump's comments. The Cllr is deeply hurt and embarrassed by the comments.

When that Cllr challenges Cllr Tump at the next meeting of the Council, Cllr Tump repeats his comments in front of the other Cllrs and a representative of the local press. Luckily the press do not publish the comments.

Questions

- 1. Does the Code apply?
- 2. If it does have there been any breaches of the Code?