



Balancing act

Scenario B1: What are the issues?

In relation to the complaints now made against Councillors Eagle and Animal, the local authorities take the following decisions.

The district council consider Councillor Animal's complaints completely run of the mill and initially decide to take no further action. The county council consider his comments are completely inappropriate and pass the matter for investigation. The unitary authority considers that the complaint against Councillor Eagle is wholly without merit as it shows no breach of the Code, given that they have a far more robust style and that they consider his comments were part of the cut and thrust of normal political debate and, therefore, decide not to pass the complaint for investigation. The decision by the district council not to investigate the complaint against Councillor Animal is now subject to appeal but is yet to be determined.

What are the outcomes, possible sanctions and/or issues?