

**Statement from East Devon District Council's Monitoring Officer following
an investigation concerning Cllr Peter Burrows, Seaton Town Council**

On or around the 1st January 2019, Councillor Peter Burrows posted a tweet on the SeatonTIC Twitter account which alleged that a local business had bad mouthed the Mayor of Seaton and asked people to avoid using it. The tweet was a direct response to comments made by an individual who Councillor Burrows believed worked at the business concerned. This was not the case and neither the business nor its owner had any involvement in the making of the comments in relation to Councillor Burrows.

The tweet was inappropriate and breached Seaton Town Council's Code of Conduct in that;

- It failed to promote and support high standards of conduct,
- It failed to treat others with respect,
- It could not be justified to the public
- Councillor Burrows conducted himself in a manner that brought his office and Seaton Town Council into disrepute.

Councillor Burrows is hereby formally censured for the breaches that have been found in relation to his entirely inappropriate tweet.

11th March 2019