

**Statement from East Devon District Council following the holding of a
Standards Hearing Sub Committee into Councillor John Taylor, Honiton Town
Council**

On 28th May 2020, Councillor John Taylor attended a meeting on Honiton High Street relating to the potential re-opening of Honiton Street Market. At this meeting his conduct towards a member of staff of Honiton Town Council was unacceptable.

Between 29th and 31st May 2020, Councillor John Taylor produced a note of that meeting and a Covid Compliance Proposal which was circulated to Honiton Town Councillors and then subsequently to others outside of Honiton Town Council. Within these documents Councillor Taylor was critical of the conduct of a member of Honiton Town Council staff.

At a meeting of the East Devon District Council Standards Sub Committee on 12th March 2021, the following was found:

That Councillor John Taylor's behaviour had been inappropriate and breached Honiton Town Council's Code of Conduct in that in relation to the Honiton Town Council member of staff:

- He failed to treat them with courtesy and respect (paragraph 4(a)),
- He was bullying towards them (paragraph 5(b))

Councillor Taylor is hereby formally censured for the breaches that have been found in relation to his conduct in the High Street Meeting and his subsequent note of the meeting and Covid Compliance Proposal.

25th March 2021