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SP 2020-020	Cr Michael Separovich	Mr Donald Mervyn Green	At its meeting on 7 April 2022, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Cr Michael Separovich committed one minor breach under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and Regulation 20 of the <i>Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021</i> when he threatened the City's Complaints Officer in relation to a minor breach complaint that was made against him by a member of the public.	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that: 1. Cr Michael Separovich publicly apologise, as specified in paragraph 4 below, or failing compliance with paragraph 4, then paragraph 5 below: 2. be publicly censured, as specified in paragraph 6 below. 3. make the monetary payment set out in paragraph 7 below. <u>Action taken by Cr Separovich:</u> At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 April 2023, Cr Separovich made the following public apology: "I advise this meeting that a complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel, in which it was alleged that I contravened the Local Government (Model Code of

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				Conduct) Regulations 2021 when I threatened the City's Complaints Officer in relation to a minor breach complaint that was made against me by a member of the public. The Panel found that by behaving in this manner I committed one breach of Regulation 20 of the said Regulations. I accept that I should not have acted in such a manner, and I now apologise to Mr Donald Mervyn Green, for having done so."
SP 2020-042	Cr Michael Separovich	Mr Don Green	At its meeting on 8 July 2020, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Cr Michael Separovich did commit a minor breach pursuant to the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and regulation 7(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when on 26 March 2020 he wrote an	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that Cr Michael Separovich publicly apologise, as specified in paragraph 2 below, or failing compliance with paragraph 2, then paragraph 3 below. <u>Action taken by Cr Separovich:</u> At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 March 2021, Cr Separovich made the following public apology:

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			email to elected members which implied that staff of the City had not distributed an agenda in a timely manner.	"I advise this meeting that: a complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel, in which it was alleged that I contravened the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA) when I wrote an email to Elected Members that discredited staff members of the City and implied that they had not distributed an agenda for the Special Council Meeting planned for March 2020 in a timely manner. The Panel found that by behaving in this manner I committed one breach of Regulation 7(1)(b) of the said Regulations and my conduct was wrongful, inappropriate and deserving of a penalty and, further, my actions were likely to cause detriment to the parties involved. I accept that I should not have acted in such a manner and I now apologise to the staff of the City concerned, for having done so."

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SP 2020-052	Cr Michael Separovich	Mr Don Green	At its meeting on 4 September 2020, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Cr Michael Separovich committed two minor breaches under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and regulations 6(2)(a) and 7(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when he disclosed information relating to a confidential minor breach complaint.	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that within four (4), Cr Michael Separovich shall undertake: 1. the training course for Elected Members "<i>Serving on Council</i>" provided by the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) for a period of fifteen (15) hours; or 2. a training course with substantially similar learning outcomes provided by an alternative registered training organisation for a similar duration, but at least twelve (12) hours.
SP 2020-039	Cr Michael Separovich	Ms Barbara Freeman	At its meeting on 4 September 2020, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Cr Michael Separovich committed one breach under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and regulation 7(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (Rules of</i>	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that within four (4), Cr Michael Separovich shall undertake: 1. the training course for Elected Members "<i>Serving on Council</i>" provided by the WA Local Government Association

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			<i>Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when he reposted a photo of the British Royal Family along with an inappropriate comment, on the Melville Community Chat page, in or around 26 January 2020.	(WALGA) for a period of fifteen (15) hours; or 2. a training course with substantially similar learning outcomes provided by an alternative registered training organisation for a similar duration, but at least twelve (12) hours.
SP 2020-033	Cr Michael Separovich	Mr Don Green	At its meeting on 8 July 2020, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Cr Michael Separovich committed one breach under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and regulation 10(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) 2007</i> when he sent an email with an alleged threatening tone to a senior member of council staff.	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that Cr Michael Separovich publicly apologise, as specified in paragraph 2 below, or failing compliance with paragraph 2, then paragraph 3 below. <u>Action taken by Cr Separovich:</u> At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 March 2021, Cr Separovich made the following public apology: “I advise this meeting that a complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel, in which it was alleged that I contravened the Local Government (Rules of Conduct)

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				Regulations 2007 (WA) when I sent an email and used a threatening tone towards a senior member of Council staff. The Panel found that by behaving in this manner I committed one breach of Regulation 10(1)(b) of the said Regulations as I attempted to influence, by means of a threat, the conduct of a person who is a local government employee in their capacity as a local government employee. I accept that I should not have acted in such a manner and I now apologies to Mr Daniel Arndt for having done so.”
SP 2020-029	Cr Lee-Anne Smith	Mr Stephen Cain	At its meeting on 24 June 2021, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Cr Lee-Anne Smith: 1. did commit a minor breach pursuant to	No sanction impose as Cr Lee-Anne Smith had ceased to be an Elected Member by the time the Local Government Standards Panel had convened to consider how it would deal with the minor breaches.

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			the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and regulation 7 of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when she wrote remarks regarding the health of the Complainant on her Facebook Page on 5 November 2019; and 2. did commit three minor breaches pursuant to the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and regulation 11 of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when she failed to declare an impartiality interest in respect to the performance appraisal process for	

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			the Chief Executive Officer of the City at each of: a. the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 November 2019; b. the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 December 2019; and c. the Ordinary Council Meeting of 13 January 2020.	
SP 2019-085	Cr Lee-Anne Smith	Mr Stephen Cain	At its meeting on 16 December 2019, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Cr Lee Anne Smith did commit a breach under the Act and Regulation 7(1)(b) when she did not remove material from Facebook relating to a petition that was put forward	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that Cr Lee-Anne Smith publicly apologise, as specified in paragraph 2 below, or failing compliance with paragraph 2, then paragraph 3 below. <u>Action taken by Cr Lee-Anne Smith:</u>

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			regarding the Bartram Road Footbridge.	At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 August 2020, Cr Lee-Anne Smith made the following public apology: “A complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel, in which it was alleged that I contravened the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA) when I did not remove material from a Facebook page relating to a petition regarding Bartram Road Footbridge that incorrectly referred to the involvement of the Lions Club Australia. The Panel found that I breached regulation 7(1)(b) of the said Regulations as my conduct in refusing a reasonable request to remove the material was improper and deserving of a penalty. I accept that I should have removed the relevant material from Facebook upon request.

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				I now apologise to the Lions Club Australia, my fellow Councillors and the public."
SP 2019-077	Cr Lee-Anne Smith	Mr Stephen Cain	At its meeting on 8 October 2019, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith did commit a minor breach pursuant to <i>the Local Government Act 1995</i> and regulation 7(1)(a) of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when on 9 August 2019 she made false comments in an interview on ABC Radio Perth in respect to a notice of motion raised by her in relation to off road motor vehicle use which was discussed (but not passed) at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 8 August 2019.	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that Cr Lee-Anne Smith publicly apologise, as specified in paragraph 2 below, or failing compliance with paragraph 2, then paragraph 3 below. <u>Action taken by Cr Lee-Anne Smith:</u> At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 April 2020, Cr Lee-Anne Smith made the following public apology: "I advise this meeting that a complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel in which it was alleged that I contravened the Local Government Rules of Conduct Regulations 2007 WA when I made false comments in an interview on ABC Radio Perth in respect to a Notice of Motion raised by me in relation to off road motor vehicle use, which was discussed but not passed

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				at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 8 August 2019. The Panel found that by behaving in this manner, I made improper use of my office as Councillor, with the intention of advantaging myself, thereby committing one breach of regulation 7(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007. I accept that I should not have acted in such a manner and I apologise to the Council and the City for having done so."
SP 2018-107	Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith	Cr Chontelle Stone	At its meeting on 9 April 2019, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith: a. did commit a minor breach pursuant to the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>, regulation	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that Cr Lee-Anne Smith: 1. make a public apology in terms of the attached Order; and 2. be publicly censured in terms of the attached Order. <u>Action taken by Cr Lee-Anne Smith:</u>

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			7(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when, at a Special Meeting of Council held 22 August 2018, she falsely stated that Cr Chontelle Sands was the subject of two minor breach complaints and an investigation by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries; and b. did commit a minor breach pursuant to the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and regulation 7(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when at a special Meeting of Council	

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			held 22 August 2018, she stated that Cr Chontelle Sands had lied about having an impartiality interest in respect to a matter previously considered by the Council.	
SP 2018-60	Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith	Mr Stephen Cain	At its meeting on 7 December 2018, the Local Government Standards Panel found that Deputy Mayor Lee-Anne Smith committed one breach of regulation 7(1)(a) of the <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> when she: a. had discussions and made agreements with an applicant regarding a development application for the installation of	The Local Government Standards Panel Orders that, by 30 April 2019, Cr Lee-Anne Smith shall undertake 1. the training course for Elected Members “<i>Serving on Council</i>” provided by the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) for a period of 7.5 hours; or 2. a training course with substantially similar learning outcomes provided by an alternative registered training organisation for a similar duration, but at least twelve (4) hours.

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			electronic signage on land situated in the City; and b. drafted an alternative recommendation for the approval of the Development application and inclusion of certain development approval conditions proposed to be raised at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 10 May 2018.	