

REPORT TO:	STANDARDS AND PERSONNEL APPEALS COMMITTEE	DATE:	25 July 2016
HEADING:	QUARTERLY COMPLAINTS MONITORING REPORT		
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	N/A		
KEY DECISION:	NO	SUBJECT TO CALL-IN:	NO

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update in respect of Members' Code of Conduct complaints.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee is requested to note the updated position in respect of Members' Code of Conduct complaints as set out in the Appendix for the period commencing on xx 2016 and ending on 15 July 2016.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

To reflect good practice.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED (with reasons why not adopted)

No alternative options are considered appropriate.

5. BACKGROUND

This report outlines in the Appendix the number of complaints of alleged Member misconduct outstanding and a summary overview of the status of new and ongoing complaints.

One complaint is due to be considered at a hearing, which is to be arranged shortly. The other complaint which was investigated has been concluded and a finding of no breach has been made.

Four complaints have been assessed as not requiring any further action.

There have been two new complaints received since an update was last provided to the Committee in March 2016 which require assessment. There is a link between the two complaints and alternative approaches are being considered before a final assessment is made.

I have been contacted by members of the public regarding three potential claims. I provided advice and guidance in relation to the process for lodging a complaint and requested specific information. To date, no formal complaints have been received in relation to these initial approaches.

6. IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan:

The Council will strive to ensure effective community leadership, through good governance, transparency, accountability and appropriate behaviours.

Legal:

There are no legal implications associated with this monitoring report.

Financial:

There are no financial implications associated with this monitoring report.

Health and Well-Being / Environmental Management and Sustainability:

There are no Health and Well-Being or Environmental Management and Sustainability implications associated with this monitoring report.

Human Resources:

There are no HR implications associated with this monitoring report.

Diversity/Equality:

There are no Diversity/Equality implications associated with this monitoring report.

Community Safety:

There are no Community Safety implications associated with this monitoring report.

Other Implications:

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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