

| Report To:          | STANDARDS AND<br>PERSONNEL APPEALS<br>COMMITTEE | Date: | 12 DECEMBER 2016 |
|---------------------|---|-------|------------------|
| Heading:            | QUARTERLY COMPLAINTS MONITORING REPORT          |       |                  |
| Portfolio Holder:   | N/A   |       |                  |
| Ward/s:             | N/A   |       |                  |
| Key Decision:       | NO  |       |                  |
| Subject To Call-In: | NO  |       |                  |

### **Purpose Of Report**

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

## 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 1 October 2016 to 2 December 2016.

#### Reasons For Recommendation(s)

To reflect good practice. To enable Members to monitor the volume and progress of complaints.

#### <u>Alternative Options Considered (With Reasons Why Not Adopted)</u>

No alternative options are considered appropriate.

#### **Detailed Information**

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

Complaint ADC2016-01 is now the subject of an investigation. The complaint will be investigated in house to avoid external costs.

No further information in relation to complaint ADC2016-02 has been received at the time of writing this report; the complainant has been given a deadline of 16 December 2016 to provide information after which the matter will be closed if not received.

One new complaint was received on 30 November relating to a Parish Councillor. Information is being gathered to enable an assessment to be made.

### **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.

#### Finance:

This report is effective from 02/12/2016 and has the following financial implications:

| Budget Area                                 | Implication   |
|---|---|
| General Fund – Revenue Budget               | The Authority incurs costs in investigating complaints of alleged Member misconduct, and these charges are borne by the General Fund. |
| General Fund – Capital<br>Programme         | N/A   |
| Housing Revenue Account –<br>Revenue Budget | N/A   |
| Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme | N/A   |

#### **Human Resources / Equality and Diversity:**

There are no HR or Equality and Diversity implications associated with this monitoring report.

## **Background Papers**

Other Implications:

N/A

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