

Report To:	STANDARDS AND PERSONNEL APPEALS COMMITTEE	Date:	27 MARCH 2017
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 3 December 2016 to 17 March 2017.

Reasons For Recommendation(s)

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

Alternative Options Considered (With Reasons Why Not Adopted)

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 is being investigated in house to avoid external costs. Statements are currently being taken.

No further information in relation to complaint ADC2016-02 has been received the matter has been closed.

Three new District Councillor complaints have been received and two new complaints have been received relating to Parish Councillors since the last update. Information is being gathered to enable an assessment to be made. Two of these complaints have been assessed as requiring no further action as there is insufficient evidence that the Code has been breached. Initial information is being gathered in respect of the three other complaints.

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 17/03/2017 and has the following financial implications:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	The Authority will seek to keep costs of investigating complaints of alleged Member misconduct within the Monitoring Officers budget.
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – 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.

Other Implications:

None.

Reason(s) for Urgency (if applicable):

N/A

Background Papers

None

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