

## **Report to Standards Committee**

**Subject:** Code of Conduct Complaints

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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 1 February 2016 and 31 August 2016.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 Members of the Standards Committee will recall that at the time of the last committee meeting, one complaint was pending.
- 2.2 Since 1 February 2016, the Monitoring Officer has received four complaints alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct by Parish Councillors. A summary of the complaints received since the implementation of the existing Standards regime (from 1 July 2012) is set out in the table at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Details of complaints 13/01 to 15/04 have been reported to Standards Committee previously. Complaints 16/01 to 16/04 have been received since the previous updated report to Standards Committee on 26 February 2016.
- 2.4 Each of the complaints has been dealt with by the Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Independent Person and in accordance with Council's Approved Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints.
- 2.5 Decision Notices relating to the complaints determined between 1 February 2016 and 31 August 2016 appear as confidential Appendix 2. There are no complaints awaiting a decision at initial assessment stage.

### **3. Proposal**

It is proposed that the Committee notes the report.

**4. Resource Implications**

None.

**5. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee notes the report.

**6. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Summary of the Code of Conduct complaints received since 1 July 2012.

Appendix 2 – Confidential appendix.

Decision Notices relating to complaints determined between 1 February 2016 and 31 August 2016.