

## **Report to Standards Committee**

**Subject:** Code of Conduct Complaints Update

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### **1. Purpose**

To inform members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 13 February 2019 and 24 June 2019.

### **Recommendation**

THAT the report be noted.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 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. Since 13 February 2019 the Monitoring Officer has received 7 new Code of Conduct complaints.
- 2.2 Members of the Standards Committee will recall that at the time of the last committee meeting, 4 complaints were outstanding. A summary of the decisions made in relation to those complaints which have been determined since the last meeting where Monitoring Officer has determined that the complaint if proven would potentially amount to a breach of the Code of Conduct appears at Appendix 2. A summary of the decisions made in relation to the other complaints appears at Appendix 3. At the time of drafting this report two complaints are outstanding.
- 2.3 Members of the Standards Committee will note that a significant number of the complaints received relate to the conduct of Calverton Parish Councillors. In order to ensure that high standards of behaviour are promoted and maintained by the Parish Council, the Monitoring Officer has recommended that the Council adopt the Borough Council's Code of Conduct and has already met with a number of the parish councillors informally to progress this.

**3. Proposal**

It is proposed that the Committee notes the report.

**4. Resources Implications**

None.

**5. Appendices**

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

Appendix 2 – Summary of decisions on complaints determined between 13 February 2019 and 24 June 2019.

Exempt Appendix 3 - Summary of decisions on complaints determined between 13 February 2019 and 24 June 2019.

**6. Background papers**

None identified.