

Report to Standards Committee

Subject: Code of Conduct Complaints Update

Date: 2 September 2021

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Purpose

To inform members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 10 June 2021 and 2 September 2021.

Recommendation

THAT the report be noted.

1 Background

- 1.1 A summary of the number of complaints received since the implementation of the existing Standards regime (from 1 July 2012) is set out in the graph in Appendix 1. A summary of the complaints received since 2019/20 is set out in the table at Appendix 1. Since 10 June 2021, the Monitoring Officer has received one new code of conduct complaint, and additional information on one outstanding code of conduct complaint. The new code of conduct complaint remains outstanding.
- 1.2 Members of the Standards Committee will recall that at the time of the last committee meeting, 3 complaints were outstanding. A summary of the decision made in relation to 2 of the outstanding complaints from the previous meeting appears at Appendix 2. One of the complaints remains outstanding and additional information in relation to that complaint has been provided by the complainant. This outstanding complaint has also now been split as it relates to two Councillors.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Committee notes the report.

3 Alternative Options

3.1 Not to report code of complaints received by the Monitoring Officer.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 Code of Conduct complaints must be dealt with in accordance with the Council's Approved Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints.

6 Equalities Implications

6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

7.1 There are no carbon reduction/environmental sustainability implications arising from this report.

8 Appendices

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

8.2 Exempt Appendix 2 – Summary of decisions on complaints determined between 10 June 2021 and 2 September 2021.

9 Background papers

9.1 None identified.

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by the Chief Financial Officer

Date:

Drafted by the Monitoring Officer