

Report to Standards Committee

Subject: Code of Conduct Complaints Update

Date: 22 June 2023

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Purpose

To inform members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 15 December 2022 and 22 June 2023.

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 2021/22 is set out in the table at Appendix 1. Since 15 December 2022, the Monitoring Officer has received 1 new valid code of conduct complaint.
- 1.2 Members of the Standards Committee will recall that at the time of the last committee meeting, 1 complaint was outstanding. The complaint outstanding at the last Committee has been concluded and the summary of decision in that case is attached at Appendix 2.
- 1.3 In relation to the new complaint received at the time of writing, this complaint remains outstanding.

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 however this would be contrary to the Council's arrangements for dealing with complaints.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 The costs associated with complaints are met from existing budgets.

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 Appendix 2 – Exempt Appendices – Summary of complaint determined between 15 December 2022 and 22nd June 2023.

9 Background papers

9.1 None identified.

10 Reasons for Recommendation

10.1 To keep Committee updated on Code of Conduct Complaints

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by the Chief Financial Officer

Date:

Drafted by the Monitoring Officer