

## **Report to Standards Committee**

**Subject:** Code of Conduct Complaints Update

**Date:** 7 December 2023

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### **Purpose**

To inform members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 21 September 2023 and 7 December 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 21 September 2023, the Monitoring Officer has received no new valid code of conduct complaints.
- 1.2 Members may recall that at the last Committee, one complaint remained outstanding. This complaint was referred for formal investigation and that investigation is ongoing.

## **2 Proposal**

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

## **3 Alternative Options**

- 3.1 Not to report code of conduct 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.

## **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**