

## **Report to Standards Committee**

**Subject:** Code of Conduct Complaints Update

**Date:** 26 June 2025

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### **Purpose**

To inform members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 20 March 2025 and 26 June 2025.

### **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 2022/23 is set out in the table at Appendix 1. Since 20 March 2025, the Monitoring Officer has received six new Code of Conduct complaints.
- 1.2 Members may recall that at the last Committee, there were two complaints outstanding. One of these had been referred for investigation, the investigation has concluded and the complaint is now closed a summary of the outcome of that matter is attached at Appendix 2 – Exempt Appendix. The other outstanding complaint has been withdrawn.
- 1.3 In relation to the 6 new complaints, one has concluded and the decision notice is shown at Appendix 2 – Exempt Appendix. At the current time 5 complaints remain 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 any equality related matters are dealt with within individual complaint responses. The complaints process is accessible and complaints can be submitted in a number of formats.

### **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.

Appendix 2 – Exempt Appendices outcome of complaints

### **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**

