Report to Standards Committee

Subject: Code of Conduct Complaints Update

Date: 26th November 2026

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Purpose

To inform members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 25 June 2026 and 26 November 2026.

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 2023/24 is set out in the table at Appendix 1. Since 25 June 2026, the Monitoring Officer has received three new Code of Conduct complaints. Of these three new complaints, two have concluded and the outcomes are published in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 (Exempt). The remaining new complaint has recently been received and is currently being assessed.

1.2 Members may recall that at the last Committee, there was one complaint outstanding. This complaint was referred for investigation under the Council's arrangements for dealing with complaints and a final investigation report is expected imminently.

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 – Outcome of complaint

Appendix 3 – Exempt Appendices

9 Background papers

9.1 None identified.

10 Reasons for Recommendation

10.1 To keep Committee updated on Code of Conduct Complaints

11 Local Government Reorganisation

10.1 Any new authority must adopt a Code of Conduct for its Members and arrangements as to how complaints will be managed.

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 17/11/2026

Drafted by the Monitoring Officer