

## Standards and Governance Committee – 18 April 2024

<b>Title of paper:</b>	Councillor Complaints - Update	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	Malcolm Townroe, Director of Legal and Governance	<b>Wards affected:</b> All
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<b>Other colleagues who have provided input:</b>		
<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>	N/A	
<b>Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication?</b> No		
<b>Relevant Council Plan Outcome:</b>		
Green, Clean and Connected Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keeping Nottingham Working	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Carbon Neutral by 2028	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Safer Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Child-Friendly Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Living Well in our Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keeping Nottingham Moving	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Improve the City Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Better Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Serving People Well	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b> The Committee has a role in monitoring complaints that Councillors or Co-opted Members have breached the Code of Conduct. This report provides a summary of complaints made about Councillors since the last election for information.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	That the Committee considers and notes the monitoring information.	

### 1. Reasons for recommendations

1.1 The terms of reference of the Standards and Governance Committee require the Monitoring Officer to submit regular reports on complaints made about councillors to inform any work the Committee might carry out in relation to Councillor Standards and the Code of Conduct.

### 2. Other options considered in making recommendations

2.1 The Committee's terms of reference place a responsibility on the Committee to consider a Monitoring Officer report on Councillor Complaints. Therefore no other options were considered.

### 3. **Consideration of Risk**

3.1 Any risk to the Council will be determined as part of the response to the individual complaint and escalated to this Committee in accordance with the published Complaints procedure.

### 4. **Background (including outcomes of consultation)**

4.1 Appendix A to this report summarises the nature and outcome of complaints made against councillors since the local government elections in May 2023. None of the complaints reached the formal stage of consideration to date and are either in train or have been resolved informally. All complainants are offered the opportunity to escalate the complaint if they are not satisfied with the outcome. In addition to appendix A, further complaints have been received by the Monitoring Officer. These will be reported verbally at the meeting and recorded in the minutes.

4.2 The Committee is asked to note the information contained in the appendix.

### 5. **Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money)**

5.1 This report is a monitoring report and has no financial implications.

### 6. **Legal colleague comments**

6.1 This report is a monitoring report and has no legal implications.

### 7. **Other relevant comments**

7.1 None

### 8. **Crime and Disorder Implications (If Applicable)**

8.1 None

### 9. **Social value considerations (If Applicable)**

9.1 None

### 10. **Regard to the NHS Constitution (If Applicable)**

10.1 None

### 11. **Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

11.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



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An EIA is not required because the report does not propose a change to council policy or service. Equality matters may be taken into account as part of consideration of individual complaints.

**12. Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)**

12.1 Has the data protection impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



A DPIA is not required because the report does not propose a change to council policy or service.

**13. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)**

13.1 Has the carbon impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



A CIA is not required because the report does not propose a change to council policy or service.

**14. List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)**

14.1 None

**15. Published documents referred to in this report**

15.1 Councillor and Co-opted member complaints procedure - [Councillor Conduct - Nottingham City Council](#)