

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 27 SEPTEMBER 2017

Title of paper:	Councillor Complaints – 12 Month Review	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Malcolm Townroe, Monitoring Officer	Wards affected: All
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
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 and resolved informally over the last 12 months for information.		
Recommendation:		
1	That the Committee considers and notes the monitoring information.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The terms of reference of the Standards Committee require the Monitoring Officer to submit a report on the above matters to inform any work the Committee might carry out in relation to Councillor Standards and the Code of Conduct.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Appendix A to this report summarises the nature and outcome of complaints made against councillors over the last 12 months. None of the complaints reached the formal stage of consideration and were resolved informally. All complainants are offered the opportunity to escalate the complaint if they are not satisfied with the outcome. No complaints have been escalated in the last 12 months.

2.2 Glen O'Connell was the Council's Monitoring Officer for most of the last 12 months until his retirement on 10 July 2017 at which point Malcolm Townroe took up the position.

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

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

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

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 There are no financial implications to this report

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 There are no legal or procurement implications to this report.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 There are no property implications to this report.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

No



An EIA is not required because the report does not propose a change to council policy.

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None