

Report to: Standards Committee



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Code of Conduct Complaint Update

Report summary:

To update the Standards Committee in relation to the Code of Conduct complaints received and/or progress made, since the last meeting in April 2025.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes ☒ No ☐

Policy Framework Yes ☒ No ☐

Recommendation:

(1) That the Standards Committee note the update and provide any feedback.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that the Committee are receiving regular updates and have sufficient oversight of Code of Conduct complaints.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

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- ☐ Assets and Economy
- ☒ Communications and Democracy
- ☒ Council, Corporate and External Engagement
- ☐ Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism
- ☐ Environment - Nature and Climate
- ☐ Environment - Operational
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Place, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning
- ☐ Sustainable Homes and Communities

Equalities impact Low Impact

The Code of Conduct complaints procedures apply equally to everyone. The process also ensures that anyone with a disability has the ability to make a complaint with the assistance of Council officers where needed

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Medium Risk; Poor member behaviour brings reputational damage. It is essential that there is a robust process in place for monitoring Code of Conduct complaints by the Committee.

Links to background information None

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- ☐ A supported and engaged community
 - ☐ Carbon neutrality and ecological recovery
 - ☐ Resilient economy that supports local business
 - ☒ Financially secure and improving quality of services
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Report in full

1. The Committee receive regular updates on Code of Conduct complaints received by the Council in relation to District, Town and Parish Councillors.
 2. Appendix A provides an update on complaints as well a spreadsheet of enquires relating to code of conduct complaints that we have received. Appendix B sets out performance data against the timescales set out in the procedure as well as providing some helpful information and summaries on trends and patterns with the complaints.
 3. Members are invited to consider the updates and data charts.
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Financial implications:

There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

Legal implications:

There are no significant legal implications directly arising from this report