

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 November 2026.

### 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):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Communications and Democracy
- Economy
- Finance and Assets
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism

### 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)

- Better homes and communities for all
  - A greener East Devon
  - A resilient economy
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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. The report this time contains the full year update for 2025, as well as the number received since the last meeting in November 2025.
  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