



Report to: Standards Committee, 12th July 2017

Report of: Monitoring Officer

Subject: COMPLAINTS MADE UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Committee note the contents of the report.

2. Background

2.1 With effect from May 2008, complaints made under the Members' Code of Conduct are made to the Monitoring Officer.

2.2 The Complaints Procedure adopted by the Council in March 2014 provides that a complaint will initially be considered by the Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person, once the Monitoring Officer is in receipt of all relevant information to enable an initial assessment of the complaint to take place. After consulting the Independent Person, the Monitoring Officer will decide either to take no action on the allegation, to resolve the complaint informally or to arrange an investigation.

3. Information

3.1 Since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 complaints have been considered.

3.2 Before making a decision, the Monitoring Officer consulted one of the Independent Persons from the pool appointed to consider complaints.

3.3 The Monitoring Officer and the Independent Person found that there was no further action to take in respect of one of the complaints. The second complaint was resolved informally through mediation facilitated by the Monitoring Officer.

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