



Standards Committee

Monday, 27 January 2020

Cases and Work Update 2019 -2020

Report of the Monitoring Officer

1. Purpose of report

This report provides information on the number of complaints received since the Standards Committee on 23 September 2019. It also aims to help in identifying areas where training or education may assist Councillors' understanding of the regime's requirements.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that:

- a. the report be noted; and
- b. the Committee consider and agree a work programme to include a review of the implementation of the Best Practice Principles.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

To advise members of the Committee of complaints received by the Monitoring Officer and to demonstrate good governance.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 A summary of complaints received since the implementation of the existing Standards regime (June 2012) is set out in the table at Appendix A.
- 4.2 Since the implementation of the existing standards regime, there have been a total of 73 cases (to include cases mentioned herein). Details of these cases have been periodically reported to the Committee, with the last report in September 2019.
- 4.3 Since the date of the last meeting one complaint has been received.
- 4.4 The table at Appendix A indicates the date of the complaint, if it related to a Borough, Parish or Town Councillor, if the complaint was made by a member of the public, another Borough, Parish or Town Councillor and what action was taken to address the complaint.
- 4.5 During the year, the Monitoring Officer has been available to provide support to questions raised by individuals.

4.6 The Member Development Group continues to develop the Councillors' Training Programme, and the Monitoring Officer is available to support the Group.

4.7 At the meeting on 23 September 2019, the Committee considered the Best Practice Principles with the view to recommending a work programme for implementation. The Committee is referred to Appendix B which confirms those principles that have been adopted. The Committee is invited to consider a timescale in relation to those principles not yet adopted.

5. Risks and Uncertainties

5.1. None identified.

6. Implications

6.1. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications.

6.2. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications.

6.3. Equalities Implications

All complaints are considered with reference to the Council's Equality scheme.

6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no Section 17 Implications.

7. Link to Corporate Priorities

Quality of Life	Delivery of an effective Standards regime supports the Council's priority of <i>'Maintaining and enhancing our residents' quality of life'</i>
Efficient Services	No link
Sustainable Growth	No link
The Environment	No link

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Background papers Available for Inspection:	None.
List of appendices (if any):	Appendix A - Code complaints Appendix B – Implementation timetable