
PART-EXEMPT

EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Standards Committee

7 September 2021

Councillors Code of Conduct

FOR NOTING

Portfolio Holder: Cllr N Drew, Governance and Legal

Key Decision: No

Report Number: *EHDC/0019/2021*

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To update the Committee on the Councillor Code of Conduct Complaints received by the Monitoring Officer or that have been ongoing, since 1 January 2021.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Members are requested to note the report.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1. The Monitoring Officer has the responsibility of monitoring and dealing with Councillor Code of Conduct complaints and covers complaints relating to District, Town and Parish Councillors. This report details formal complaints, i.e. where the Monitoring Officer has received a formal complaint in the approved form.
- 3.2. The Monitoring Officer has a total of 16 complaints that have been received or are still ongoing since 1 January 2021.

There were 2 complaints received in respect of District Councillors and 14 in respect of Town and Parish Councillors.

- 3.3. The attached spreadsheet (**exempt**) details the complaint in more detail.

4. Additional Budgetary Implications

4.1. None

5. Background and relationship to Corporate Strategy and/or Business Plans

5.1. This aligns with the requirements of the Constitution and the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee.

6. Options considered

6.1. N/A

7. Resource Implications

7.1. N/A

7.2. Human Resources Implications

N/A

7.3. Information Governance Implications

N/A

Section 151 Officer comments

Date: 27.08.2021

There are no additional resources arising from this report.

7.4. Other resource implications

N/A

8. Legal Implications

8.1. N/A

9. Risks

9.1. N/A

Monitoring Officer comments

Date: 27.08.2021

Regular updates on existing member code of conduct complaints and associated process are a key requirement for ensuring the highest standard of member behaviour in keeping with best practise for good governance.

10. Consultation

10.1. N/A

11. Communication

11.1. N/A

12. Appendices

12.1. Appendix 1 – Spreadsheet - **EXEMPT**

13. Background papers

13.1. NONE

Agreed and signed off by:

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