

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: Governance and Audit and Standards Committee

Date of meeting: 30 January 2014

Subject: Complaints received into alleged breaches of the Code of conduct by Members of the Council

Report by: City Solicitor

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update Members of the Committee on current progress in relation to complaints which allege that Councillors may have breached the Council's Code of Conduct.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Committee note the report and consider if any further action is required by them.

3. Background

- 3.1 Upon acceptance of office all Councillors undertake to comply with the Code of Conduct. In the event that a Councillor may have failed to comply with the Code of Conduct, a complaint may be made. The City Solicitor, as the council's Monitoring Officer, is appointed to receive such complaints. The complaints are then considered in accordance with the procedure approved by Council on 17th July 2012.
- 3.2 The City Solicitor, as requested by the Committee, maintains records on the progress of complaints and annually produces a report to this Committee. This report is attached as "Appendix A".
- 3.4 After having considered "Appendix A", Members are asked to decide whether there are any matters which give them cause for concern or whether any further action is required by the Committee or the City Solicitor.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 To make Members of the Committee aware of the current position with regard to complaints and that they ensure appropriate action is taken.

5. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

5.1 This report does not impact upon any equality group and no equality impact assessment is required.

6. Head of Finance's comments

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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Signed by:
City Solicitor

Appendices:

Appendix A "Schedule of complaints" EXEMPT

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
None	N/a

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by: