

SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Standards Assessment Sub-Committee

Date of Meeting:	10 September 2008	Part I	
Report From:	Monitoring Officer	Agenda <table border="1"><tr><td>4</td></tr></table>	4
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Report Title:	Case ref: 2008/002 - Referral to Monitoring Officer for Other Action		

Summary

To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer following the Sub-Committees decision to refer Case 2008/002 for other action.

Recommendations

That the report be received and the Sub-Committee consider whether it is satisfied with the action specified in the report received or whether it wishes to give a further direction to the Monitoring Officer.

Report

1. On 26 June 2008, the Assessment Sub-Committee considered a complaint under reference 2008/02 and resolved to refer the allegation to the Monitoring Officer for other action. A copy of the Decision Notice is attached to this report for Members' information.
2. Since that date, the Monitoring Officer has been in contact with the Clerk to Duddon Parish Council, and has had a meeting with her and the Chairman to Duddon Parish Council, to discuss the Sub-Committee's decision, and the requirements for other action.
3. The Parish Council has responded positively to the approach and is in the process of reviewing the decisions made with regard to the proposed carpark in Broughton, and identifying lessons learnt from that process, and subsequent complaints received. An update will be provided at the meeting.
4. At the same time, the Council has indicated that it would like to receive some training on the Code of Conduct, and this is being programmed in sometime during October/November. The Clerk who is a new appointee has also signed up to CALC's training for Clerks, and the Council is to look for additional training from CALC for their new members.
5. Under the Regulations, the Monitoring Officer is required to report back to the Sub-Committee within three months of the date of the direction with details of the action taken or proposed to be taken to comply with the direction. If the Sub Committee is not satisfied with the action specified above then it may give further direction to the Monitoring Officer. If it is satisfied then notice should be given to that effect to the member who is the subject of the report, the complainant, and the Parish Council concerned.

Alternative Options

The report is to consider – the Sub-Committee may accept it or direct further action of the Monitoring Officer

Material Considerations

Finance

N/A

Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
(Name of the risk)	(List the consequences of the risk occurring)	(What existing and additional controls are required to manage the risk)
That there is a failing under the Parish Code of Conduct	Challenge to decision making processes	Proper review and consideration of decision making processes and regard to Code of Conduct

Staffing

As identified in the report.

Links to Corporate Plan

N/A

Links to Other Strategic Plan(s)

N/A

Equalities & Diversity

N/A

Community Safety

N/A

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