

South Lakeland District Council

Standards Committee

Tuesday, 23 April 2019

Code of Conduct Complaints

Portfolio:	Cllr Matt Severn - Chairman of Standards Committee
Report from:	Debbie Storr - Monitoring Officer
Report Author:	Debbie Storr – Monitoring Officer
Wards:	Not applicable
Forward Plan:	Not applicable

1.0 Expected Outcome

1.1 That the Standards Committee notes the report of the Monitoring Officer with regards to complaints under the Council's Standards Arrangements from September 2018.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Members are asked to note the report.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 Under the Council's Standards Arrangements the Monitoring Officer reviews any complaints received about District or Parish/Town Councillors in respect of the Member's Code of Conduct, and after consultation with the Independent Person, takes a decision as to whether it merits formal investigation.

3.2 Members were last updated in September 2018. Since then one complaint has been received in October with regard to conduct of a Parish/Town Councillor which has been referred for investigation. The one outstanding complaint from September is currently marked closed due to no further information being received and the County Council is reviewing this matter. At the date of writing this report no other complaints have been received. An updated appendix 1 is attached.

3.3 Members are asked to note the report.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 Not applicable.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 There are no alternative options. The report is to note

6.0 Links to Council Priorities

6.1 Good governance links to the Council's achievement of its Council Plan priorities and objectives.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 There are no additional financial resource implications.

Human Resources

7.2 No issues identified

Legal

7.3 The Council is required to ensure that it accords with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

7.4 The Council has adopted Standards Arrangements within which any complaints against members are considered. There are no issues to raise in this report.

Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No not applicable.

Equality and Diversity

7.5 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No - not applicable

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
That the Council fails to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011	Challenge to the Council's governance arrangements.	Ensure appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure compliance with the legislation.

Contact Officers

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Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Complaints received since Sept.18

Background Documents Available

None

Tracking Information

Signed off by	Date sent
Legal Services	26.2.19
Section 151 Officer	N/A
Monitoring Officer	author
SMT	N/A
Circulated to	Date sent
Assistant Director	N/A
Human Resources Manager	N/A
Communications Team	N/A
Leader	N/A
Committee Chairman	4.2.19
Portfolio Holder	N/A
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A
Committee	23.4.19
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	N/A