

**South Lakeland District Council**  
**Standards Committee**  
**Tuesday, 20 April 2021**  
**Code of Conduct Complaints**

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<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cllr Philip Dixon – Customer and Commercial Services and People Portfolio Holder
<b>Report from:</b>	Monitoring Officer
<b>Report Author:</b>	Linda Fisher – Legal, Governance and Democracy Lead Specialist (Monitoring Officer)
<b>Wards:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	Not applicable

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**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 Arrangement from October 2020.

**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 October 2020. There are 5 new complaints that have been received since October 2020. A further 2 complaints were received that did not meet the threshold to proceed with a Code of Conduct complaint. Presently there are 1 active complaint at the date of writing this report. 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 to the report. The report is to note only.

**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 financial implications arising from this report.

### 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? Not applicable

### Equality and Diversity

7.7 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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### Appendices Attached to this Report

(delete if no appendices attached)

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Complaints received since October 2020

### Background Documents Available

None

### Tracking Information

Signed off by	Date sent	Date Signed off
Legal Services	Report author	01.04.21
Section 151 Officer	N/A	N/A
Monitoring Officer	Report author	01.04.21
CMT	N/A	N/A

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Human Resources Lead Specialist	N/A
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Leader	N/A
Committee Chairman	01.04.21
Portfolio Holder	01.04.21
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Committee	N/A
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	N/A