

South Lakeland District Council
Standards Committee
Monday, 11 October 2021
Code of Conduct complaints

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

Links to Council Plan Priorities: Good governance links to the Council’s achievement of its Council Plan priorities and objectives.

1.0 Expected Outcome and Measures of Success

1.1 That the Standards Committee notes the report of the Monitoring Officer with regards to complaints under the Council’s Standards Arrangement from April 2021.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that Standards Committee notes 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 April 2021. There are 5 new complaints that have been received since April 2021. A further 6 complaints were received that did not meet the threshold to proceed with a Code of Conduct complaint. Presently there are 5 active complaints at the date of writing this report. An updated Appendix 1 is attached.

3.3 Members are asked to note the report.

4.0 Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Code of Conduct Complaint matters since April 2021

5.0 Consultation

5.1 Not applicable

6.0 Alternative Options

6.1 There are no alternative options to report, the report is to note only.

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 and Sustainability Impact Assessment

7.5 Have you completed a Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment? No

7.6 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: Not applicable.

7.7 Summary of Health and Sustainability Impacts

		Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Environment and Health	Greenhouse gases emissions		X		
	Air Quality		X		
	Biodiversity		X		
	Impacts of Climate Change		X		
	Reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel		X		
	Active Travel		X		
Economy and Culture	Inclusive and sustainable development		X		
	Jobs and levels of pay		X		
	Healthier high streets		X		
	Culture, creativity and heritage		X		
Housing and Communities	Standard of housing		X		
	Access to housing		X		
	Crime		X		
	Social connectedness		X		

Equality and Diversity

- 7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No
- 7.8 If you have not completed an Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons: Not applicable.
- 7.9 Summary of Equality and Diversity impacts

Please indicate: P = Positive impact; 0 = Neutral; N = Negative; Enter "X"					
Age	P		0	X	N
Disability	P		0	X	N
Gender reassignment (transgender)	P		0	X	N
Marriage & civil partnership	P		0	X	N
Pregnancy & maternity	P		0	X	N
Race/ethnicity	P		0	X	N
Religion or belief	P		0	X	N
Sex/gender	P		0	X	N
Sexual orientation	P		0	X	N
Armed forces families	P		0	X	N
Rurality	P		0	X	N
Socio-economic disadvantage	P		0	X	N

Risk Management	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.

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Background Documents Available

None

Tracking Information

Signed off by	Date sent	Date Signed off
Section 151 Officer	N/A	N/A
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Circulated to	Date sent	
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Human Resources Lead Specialist	N/A	
Communications Team	N/A	
Leader	N/A	
Committee Chairman	N/A	
Portfolio Holder	N/A	
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A	
Committee	N/A	
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A	
Council	N/A	