



## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**23 March 2021**

# **ITEM 6**

Report sponsor: Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer  
Report author: Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer

## **Summary of Progress with Councillor Complaints 2020/21**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 Three complaints were carried over from the 2019/20 municipal year. One complaint was dismissed, one complaint proceeded to investigation and no breach was found and one complaint is still live. For a summary of these complaints, see confidential report later on the agenda.
- 1.2 Seven complaints have been received in the 2020/21 municipal year. Three complaints have been dismissed, one complaint proceeded to investigation and no breach was found, one complaint was referred to the relevant political group in accordance with Appendix C of the procedure and two complaints are still live. For a summary of these complaints, see confidential report later on the agenda.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.1 To note the information contained in the report.

### **Reason**

- 3.1 To update the Standards Committee on the progress and outcomes of Councillor complaints carried over from the 2019/20 municipal year and those received in the 2020/21 municipal year.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The Councillors' Code of Conduct and the Procedures for the assessment and review of allegations of breaches of the Councillors' Code of Conduct are attached at Appendices 3 and 4 respectively.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 None.

## Other options

6.1 To take no action.

## Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None.

## Legal implications

8.1 None.

## Climate implications

9.1 None.

## Other significant implications

10.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal Finance Service Director(s) Report sponsor Other(s)	Alex Hough – Acting Head of Democracy	15/03/2021
Background papers: List of appendices:	None Appendix 1- Complaints carried over from the 2019/20 municipal year – see confidential report later on the agenda Appendix 2- Complaints received in the 2020/21 municipal year – see confidential report later on the agenda Appendix 3 - Councillors' Code of Conduct Appendix 4 - Procedures for the assessment and review of allegations of breaches of the Councillors' Code of Conduct	