



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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ITEM 7

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

Volume and Outcomes of Councillor Complaints 2021/22

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the volume and outcomes of Councillor complaints dealt with in the 2021/22 municipal year.

Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the volume and outcome of Councillor complaints as outlined in the report.

Reason

- 3.1 To update the Standards Committee on the volume and outcomes of Councillor complaints carried over from the 2019/20 municipal year and the 2020/21 municipal year and those received in the 2021/22 municipal year.

Supporting information

- 4.1 One complaint was carried over from the 2019/20 municipal year, proceeded to investigation and was informally resolved by way of an apology to a meeting of the Licensing Committee.
- 4.2 One complaint was carried over from the 2020/21 municipal year and was dismissed.
- 4.3 Nine complaints have been received in the 2021/22 municipal year. Five complaints have been dismissed, three complaints have proceeded to investigation and one complaint is still live.
- 4.4 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 1 and 2 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
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Background papers: List of appendices:	None Appendix 1 - Councillors' Code of Conduct Appendix 2 - Procedures for the assessment and review of allegations of breaches of the Councillors' Code of Conduct	