



STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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Report sponsor: Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer
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Volume and Outcomes of Councillor Complaints 2020/21 and 2021/22

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the volume and outcomes of Councillor complaints dealt with in the 2020/21 municipal year and 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 those received in the 2020/21 municipal year and the 2021/22 municipal year.

Supporting information

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 Eight complaints were received in the 2020/21 municipal year. Five complaints were 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 one complaint was carried over to the 2021/22 municipal year and was dismissed.
- 4.3 No complaints have been received in the 2021/22 municipal year.
- 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
Legal Finance Service Director(s) Report sponsor Other(s)	Alex Hough – Head of Democracy	30/07/2021
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	