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Volume and Outcomes of Councillor Complaints 2021/22 and 2022/23

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 and the 2022/23.

Recommendation

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

Reason

- 3.1 As the final meeting of the 2021/22 municipal year was cancelled, the report provides an opportunity 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.
- 3.2 To update the Standards Committee on the volume and outcomes of councillor complaints received in the 2022/23 municipal year.

Supporting information

- 4.1 One complaint was carried over from the 2019/20 municipal year, proceeded to investigation and was informally resolved in the 2021/22 municipal year, 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 in the 2021/22 municipal.
- 4.3 Nine complaints were received in the 2021/22 municipal year. Five complaints were dismissed, three complaints have proceeded to investigation and one complaint is still live.
- 4.4 One complaint has been received in the 2022/23 municipal year and has been dismissed.

- 4.5 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:

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List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Councillors' Code of Conduct Appendix 2 - Procedures for the assessment and review of allegations of breaches of the Councillors' Code of Conduct	