

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 29 JUNE 2009

Report of the Acting Monitoring Officer

'Other Action' Guidance

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the guidance for taking 'Other Action' in response to a complaint about an elected member of the Council.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Assessment Sub Committee has three options when dealing with a complaint that a member has failed or may have failed to comply with the Code of Conduct. These are to:
 - 1. take no action in respect of the complaint
 - 2. refer the complaint to the monitoring officer
 - 3. refer the complaint to the Standards Board for England
- 2.2 If the Assessment Sub Committee decides to refer the complaint to the monitoring officer it can direct him/her either to investigate the matter or to take steps other than carrying out an investigation.
- 2.3 The guidance contained in Appendix 2 applies to situations where the Assessment Sub Committee is minded to direct the monitoring officer to take steps other than carrying out an investigation.

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Background papers: Appendix 1 – Implications

List of appendices: Appendix 2 – 'Other Action Guidance'

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2. The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 explain the steps that the Assessment Sub Committee can direct the monitoring officer to take.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. All Derby people will benefit from an effective Standards Committee.

Corporate Objectives

5. This report has the potential to link with all the Council's Corporate