

ITEM 5



STANDARDS COMMITTEE 5 OCTOBER 2009

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Summary of Progress with Member Complaints received in 2009

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Standards Committee members note the information contained in Appendix 2 of this report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The table in Appendix 2 of this report summarises the progress and the outcomes of the 13 member complaints received so far in 2009.

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Background papers: Appendix 1 – Implications
List of appendices: Appendix 2 – Summary table showing progress and outcomes of the member complaints made in 2009.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2. None.

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 Objectives.

Complaints considered under the Members' Complaints Procedure – 2009

Complaint Number	Date Complaint received	Date of ASC meeting	Outcome Of ASC meeting	Request for Review received	Date of RSC meeting	Outcome of RSC meeting	Date Investigation completed	Date Investigation considered by SC	Decision of SC
01/2009	2/3/2009	18/3/2009	To take no action	24/3/2009	8/5/2009	To take no action			
This complaint was made by a member of the public who alleged that she had been assaulted by an elected member of the Council. The Assessment and the Review Sub Committees resolved to take no action in respect of the complaint.									
02/2009	28/4/2009	8/5/2009	To refer for local investigation				7/8/2009	6/10/2009	
This complaint was made by an elected member about an e-mail sent by another elected member. The complaint was referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation. The investigation was completed on 7 August 2009. The findings will be considered by the Standards Committee on 6 October 2009.									
03/2009	17/5/2009	8/6/2009	To take no action						
This complaint was made by a member of the public about comments attributed to an elected member in an article in the Derby Evening Telegraph. The Assessment Sub Committee resolved to take no action in respect of the complaint.									
04/2009	18/5/2009	8/6/2009	To take no action						
This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member of the City Council in respect of the complainant's business. The Assessment Sub Committee resolved to take no action in respect of the complaint.									
05/2009	15/6/2009	29/6/2009	To refer for local investigation						
This complaint was made by a member of the public and relates to comments made by an elected member on the BBC1 Politics Show on 7 June 2009.									

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06/2009	15/6/2009	29/6/2009	To refer for local investigation						
This complaint was made by a member of the public and relates to comments made by an elected member on the BBC1 Politics Show on 7 June 2009.									
07/2009	17/6/2009	29/6/2009	To refer for local investigation						
This complaint was made by a member of the public and relates to comments made by an elected member on the BBC1 Politics Show on 7 June 2009.									
08/2009	19/6/2009	29/6/2009	To refer for local investigation						
This complaint was made by a member of the public and relates to comments made by an elected member on the BBC1 Politics Show on 7 June 2009.									
09/2009	22/6/2009	29/6/2009	To refer for local investigation						
This complaint was made by a member of the public and relates to comments made by an elected member on the BBC1 Politics Show on 7 June 2009.									

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10/2009	29/7/2009	18/8/2009	To refer for local investigation						
This complaint was made by an elected member about the way in which a group of members delivered a petition about CCTV camera to Council Cabinet.									
11/2009	29/7/2009	18/8/2009	To take no action						
This complaint was made by an elected member about the way in which two members had allegedly used the Council's resources to promote a candidate for their party.									
12/2009	3/8/2009	18/8/2009	To take no action						
This complaint was made by a member of the public about the failure of an elected member to attend a Neighbourhood Watch meeting to discuss a matter over which she had concerns and about the member using his position to secure an advantage for a third party organisation.									
13/2009	13/8/2009	18/8/2009	To refer for local investigation						
This complaint was made by a member of the public about the conduct of an elected member and about statements made by the member in respect of traffic issues raised by the complainant									

Complaints outstanding - on 8 September 2009.

02/2009

05/2009

06/2009

07/2009 Note: These five complaints refer to the same single incident

08/2009

09/2009

10/2009

13/2009

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