

Reporting of Complaints

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At paragraphs 15 and 16 of the procedure for considering complaints that Members have breached the Code of Conduct it is stated that:
- Wherever there has been a decision that the subject member has breached the Code of Conduct that decision and the reasons for it shall be published in a prominent position on the Council's website; and
 - Wherever there is a decision that the subject member has not breached the Code of Conduct that decision shall be put on the Council's website in a prominent position if the subject member wishes it to be.
- 1.2 Since the introduction of the new Standards Regime in July 2012, the public reporting of complaints has taken place through the Annual Report of the Standards Committee. The annual report is available online on the Council's committee management information system (CMIS).
- 1.3 It is proposed that complaints be reported, as at paragraphs 15 and 16 of the procedure, through the setting up of a dedicated standards section on CMIS. It is also proposed that a link to the section be set up on the 'Complaints procedure – local councillors' page of the Council's website.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the method of reporting complaints as outlined at paragraph 1.3 of the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the reporting of complaints is done in such a way as to be easily accessible.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The procedure for considering complaints that members have breached the Code of Conduct is attached at Appendix 2.
- 4.2 The Annual Report of the Standards Committee – 2012/13 is attached at Appendix 3 of the report. The annual report was considered at the Council meeting on 17 July 2013 and appears on CMIS under that meeting.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 To retain the current method of reporting complaints.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Janie Berry – Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Estates/Property officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	N/A

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Procedure for considering complaints that members have breached the Code of Conduct Appendix 3 – The Annual Report of the Standards Committee – 2012/13

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising directly from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 All Derby people benefit from an affective Standards Committee.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 This report has the potential to link with all the Council's Corporate Objectives.