



Derby City Council

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
18 July 2017

ITEM 6

Report of the Director of Governance and
Monitoring Officer

**Referral to the Monitoring Officer relating to Taxi Licensing
Issues**

SUMMARY

- 1.1 On 25 November 2015 Full Council approved an amendment to the Code of Conduct for Councillors in that any instance of Member interference with Taxi Licensing would be recorded and reported to the Monitoring Officer.
- 1.2 The Monitoring Officer reviews the records on a quarterly basis or sooner if the circumstances as they present require earlier intervention.
- 1.3 In order to provide additional oversight, the Monitoring Officer will report the instances which have required her intervention to the Standards Committee for awareness raising and consideration and comment as necessary

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the contents of this report

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 All complaints received in respect of issues relating to the Code of Conduct are reported to the Standards Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Taxi Licensing Team in conjunction with Legal Services maintains a record of all reported occasions when a Member raises a query about any aspect of taxi licensing.
- 4.2 The Monitoring Officer undertakes a quarterly review and I am able to advise that, prior to this report, there have been no instances to refer to the Standards Committee.

4.3 Referral: Councillor Nawaz:

On 21st June 2017, the Monitoring Officer was advised that Councillor Nawaz had submitted a reference to a Derby City Council Taxi licensing Sub Committee held on 21st June 2017, in support of a taxi driver who was brought before the Sub Committee to consider Change of Circumstances – Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The Monitoring Officer discussed this matter with Councillor Nawaz on 4th July 2017, who gave background as to the reasons why he provided the reference.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Not applicable for this report

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 Not applicable

Legal

2.1 The Code of Conduct requires all instances of complaints to be referred to the Standards Committee as outlined in the report.

Personnel

3.1 Not applicable

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4.1 Not applicable

Equalities Impact

5.1 Not applicable

Health and Safety

6.1 Not applicable

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 Not applicable

Property and Asset Management

8.1 Not applicable

Risk Management and Safeguarding

9.1 The Council must operate a robust taxi licensing function which can uphold the need for public protection.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 The principles of good ethical governance require the issues related in this report to be considered by the Standards Committee.