

Agenda Item No: 7

A REVIEW OF THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

To: **Constitution and Ethics Committee**

Meeting Date: **27 September 2018**

From: **Acting Monitoring Officer**

*Electoral
division(s):* **All**

Purpose: **To brief the Constitution and Ethics Committee on the number and nature of the complaints received about Members under the Code of Conduct from 13 April 2018 to 18 September 2018.**

Recommendation: **It is recommended that the Constitution and Ethics Committee note the contents of this report.**

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Localism Act (“the Act”) places a statutory duty on the County Council to promote and maintain high standards of conduct amongst its Members and co-opted Members. This includes the obligation on the County Council to have in place a Code of Conduct setting out the standard of conduct expected of Members when acting in their capacity as County Councillors.
- 1.2. The requirements of the Act are supported by Article 2 of the Constitution, Members of the Council, and by Part 5.1, Members’ Code of Conduct. The Constitution and Ethics Committee’s terms of reference give it authority to monitor the operation of the Code of Conduct and the complaints received under it.
- 1.3. This report serves to provide the Constitution and Ethics Committee with an overview of the complaints received under the Code of Conduct from 13 April 2018 to 18 September 2018.

2. OVERVIEW OF COMPLAINTS

- 2.1. Since 13 April 2018 three new complaints against Members have been received by the council’s Acting Monitoring Officer, two of which have not yet concluded.
- 2.2. Details of the complaint which has been concluded since 13 April 2017 are set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.3. The publication of details of complaints only takes place after conclusion of the complaint to reduce speculation on limited information, ensure there is no compromise of any assessment or investigation, and that the Data Protection Act 1998 is complied with.

Source Documents	Location
Decision Notices	Held by LGSS Law Limited and published on the Council's website at https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/contact-us/complain-about-a-councillor-or-co-opted-member/