

A REVIEW OF THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT TO 22 JANUARY 2015

To: Constitution and Ethics Committee

Meeting Date: 4 February 2016

From: LGSS Director of Law, Property & Governance and Monitoring Officer

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: N/A **Key decision:** No

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 7 November 2015 to 22 January 2016.

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 9 of the Constitution, which also requires the Constitution and Ethics Committee 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 7 November 2015 to 22 January 2016.

2. OVERVIEW OF COMPLAINTS

- 2.1. From 7 November 2015 to 22 January 2016, no complaints were received by the Monitoring Officer.

| Source Documents | Location |
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| None | |