

Agenda Item No: 6

A REVIEW OF THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT TO 19 NOVEMBER 2018

To: **Constitution and Ethics Committee**

Meeting Date: **29 November 2018**

From: **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 19 September 2018 to 19 November 2018 along with details of other complaints which have been concluded.**

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 19 September 2018 when it last met to 19 November 2018.

2. OVERVIEW OF COMPLAINTS

- 2.1. Since 19 November 2018 two new complaints against Members have been received by the council’s Monitoring Officer, one of which has just been made and the other has been concluded. A complaint which was made in August 2018 has also been concluded.
- 2.2. Details of the two complaints which have been concluded since 19 September 2018 are set out in Appendix 1 and 2.
- 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	Published on the Council’s website at https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/contact-us/complain-about-a-councillor-or-co-opted-member/