

A REVIEW OF THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT TO END OF JUNE 2019

To: **Constitution and Ethics Committee**

Meeting Date: **27 June 2019**

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 27 March 2019 to 27 June 2019 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 27 March 2019 when it last met to 27 June 2019.

2. OVERVIEW OF COMPLAINTS

- 2.1. Since 27 March 2019 one new complaint has been received in relation to the conduct of a county councillor at a parish/town council meeting. Following discussion with the complainant they have decided not to progress this complaint and therefore no further action will be taken.
- 2.2. No other complaints are currently in progress.
- 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/