



PART A	MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	16 MARCH 2023
REPORT OF THE:	INTERIM HEAD OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE N LISHMAN
TITLE OF REPORT:	STANDARDS COMPLAINTS OVERVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORT
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (acting as a Corporate Governance Standards Committee) of the complaints received under the Members' Code of Conduct from October 2021 – February 2023.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the report be noted.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 To keep the Committee informed of complaints received and outcomes.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 There are no significant risks associated with reporting complaints.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

5.1 As part of its monitoring of the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (acting as a Corporate Governance Standards Committee) receives details of complaints received on an annual basis. This report covers the period from October 2021 – February 2023.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

6.1 During the period October 2021 – February 2023 the Monitoring Officer received 13

complaints, seven against Members of the Council and six against Parish Councillors. Appendix 1 provides details of the complaints and the outcome for each.

6.2 All the complaints were considered by the Monitoring Officer, together with the Independent Person where appropriate.

6.3 Of the thirteen complaints received;

- Eight complaints required no further action.
- Three complaints against Parish Councillors remain ongoing
- One complaint against RDC Councillors remain under review by the current Monitoring Officer
- One complaint against an RDC Councillor remains under investigation

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial
There are no significant financial implications.
- b) Legal
There are no significant legal implications.
- c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental and Climate Change, Crime & Disorder)
There are no significant other implications.

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Background Papers:
Members' Code of Conduct.

Background Papers are available for inspection at:
N/A