

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

2 March 2018

**Complaints Update****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Committee regarding ethical framework complaint activity since the Committee's last meeting on 15 September 2017.

**2.0 COMPLAINTS UPDATE****New complaints**

- 2.1 One new formal complaint has been received since the last meeting of the Committee.

**NYCC/SC/61**

This complaint arose in the context of alleged threatening behaviour and comments by the subject Member towards the Complainant. The complaint was considered to be outside the jurisdiction of the Standards Committee, as although the complaint was made against a named Member of the Authority who was in office at the time of the alleged conduct and the Code of Conduct was in force at the time, it was not considered, however, that the allegations, if proven, would be a potential breach of the Code of Conduct under which the subject Member was operating at the time of the alleged misconduct, as the subject Member was not acting in his/her official capacity as a county councillor. The Monitoring Officer liaised further with the Subject Member as the matter did serve to emphasise the importance of those in public office conducting themselves in a professional and suitable manner both in their private and official capacities.

**Statistics**

- 2.2 For the year 1 April 2017 to date, the Council has received one formal standards complaint (referred to above).
- 2.3 Members will be kept informed of developments.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the current position on complaints received.

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**Background Documents:**

None

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