

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

20 September 2019

Complaints Update**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Committee regarding ethical framework complaint activity.

2.0 COMPLAINTS UPDATE**New complaints**

- 2.1 There have been six new complaints received since the last Complaints Update report to the Committee.

NYCC/SC/67, 68, 69, 71

This complaint arose in the context of the same complaint by different complainants about an alleged racist Facebook post by the subject Member. The complaint was assessed by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Independent Persons for Standards when it was concluded that the complaints should be dealt with by local settlement under informal resolution: namely that the subject Member should issue a formal apology, undergo suitable diversity training as directed by the Monitoring Officer and that the assessment record should be published on the Council website.

NYCC/SC/70

The Complainant alleged a lack of communication and attendance at parish council meetings by the subject Member and an allegation that the subject Member was not performing the role s/he was elected to undertake. The complaint was assessed by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Independent Persons for Standards when it was concluded that no action was required.

NYCC/SC/72

This complaint arose in the context of the Subject Member's communications with the Complainant and the Subject Member's alleged conduct whilst attending meetings of a Parish Council. An oral update regarding this matter will be given at the Committee's meeting.

Statistics

- 2.2 For the year 1 April 2019 to date, the Council has received six formal standards complaints. Four of those complaints were in relation to same subject Member and matter (see above) when it was concluded that the complaints should be dealt with by local settlement under informal resolution: namely that the subject Member should issue a formal apology, undergo suitable diversity training as directed by the Monitoring Officer and that the assessment record should be published on the Council website.
- 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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11 September 2019