

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

21 September 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 18 April 2018.

2.0 COMPLAINTS UPDATE

New complaints

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

NYCC/SC/62

This complaint arose in the context of ongoing communications between the Council and the Complainant and alleged that the subject Member had compromised officers' impartiality, not responded to certain communications, disclosed confidential information, and used his position improperly. 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/63

This complaint arose in the context of alleged comments made by the subject Member at a local residents' association meeting, which the Complainant alleged to be sexist and therefore in breach of paragraphs 1, 2 and 7 of the Members' Code of Conduct. 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/64

This complaint is currently under consideration by the Monitoring Officer. Further details will be reported to the Committee at its next meeting.

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Statistics

- 2.2 For the year 1 April 2018 to date, the Council has received four formal standards complaints.
- 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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12 September 2018