

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

17 September 2021

Complaints Update

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A standing report regarding complaint activity under the ethical framework is brought to each meeting of the Standards Committee.

3.0 COMPLAINTS

New Complaints

- 3.1 There has been one new complaint received since the last Complaints Update report to the Committee:

NYCC/SC/78

The complaint arose in the context of comments and behaviour at an informal remote committee meeting. The Complainant, a Member of the committee, alleged that the Subject Member failed to chair the meeting correctly, treated the Complainant with disrespect and failed to take the Complainant's comments seriously in relation an officer report, brought the Council into disrepute and behaved in such a manner as to bring his position as a Councillor into disrepute. The complaint was assessed by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Independent Person for Standards when it was concluded that no action should be taken in relation to the complaint as there was no evidence to suggest a breach of the Code by the Subject Member.

Existing complaints

NYCC/SC/77

- 3.2 This complaint is currently under consideration by the Monitoring Officer and has been referred for investigation. Further details will be reported to the Committee at a future meeting.

4.0 STATISTICS

- 4.1 For the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, the Council received one formal standards complaint (NYCC/SC/77 referred to above).
- 4.2 For the year 1 April 2021 to date, the Council has received one formal standards complaint (NYCC/SC/78 referred to above).
- 4.3 Members will be kept updated.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no significant legal implications arising from this report.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no significant environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Committee notes the current position on complaints received.

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Background Documents: None

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8 September 2021