

**Joint Standards Committee**

**5 September 2018**

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**Monitoring Report on Complaints Received**

**Summary**

1. This is a routine report to update the Committee on recent standard complaints.

**Background**

2. Since the Committee last met in April 2018 no new complaints have been received. The table below gives information about ongoing casework handled during the period:

Case ref.	City or Parish	Date complaint accepted	Nature of Complaint	Status
225	City (x2)	29/8/2017	Standards issues raised during investigation of whistleblowing complaint	Assessment sub committee 22/9/2017 referred for investigation  Cases referred for hearings
688	City	31/3/2018	Breach of confidentiality	MO referred for investigation  Case considered by Sub Committee 8/8/2018 and referred for hearing

706	Parish	25/6/2018	The case relates to joint work between Parish Councils. The complaint relates to the way the subject Member is alleged to have behaved towards other Councils and councillors	Referred for investigation by MO 18/07/2018
711	City	27/07/2018	The complaint relates to the way a planning application was handled. In part it is being considered through the corporate complaints procedure. The standards issue relates to the conduct of a member at a site visit	Determined 20/08/2018  No breach  MO and IP's agree that the behaviour complained of does not breach the code of conduct
712	City	23/8/2018	The complaint relates to comments made by a Councillor during debate at a Council meeting.	Determined 24/08/2018  MO and IPs agree that the behaviour complained of does not breach the code of conduct. The high level of protection given to freedom of speech in a political context being one significant factor

3. The complainant in the Parish case is a councillor from another Parish. The complainants in relation to the City cases are members of the public.

### **Recommendations**

4. Members are recommended to:
  - 1) Note the report.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee is aware of current levels of activity and that the standards complaints system is used for its primary purpose.

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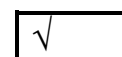
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**Date** 20/0818

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**



**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Background Papers: None**