

Joint Standards Committee

13 February 2019

Report of the Legal Services Manager (Corporate Governance)

Monitoring Report on Complaints Received

Summary

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

Background

- 2) The table below gives information about new and ongoing casework handled during the period since the Committee last met in November 2018:

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	First case now closed after hearing on 3/1/2019. One breach found, no sanction imposed. Second case final report expected shortly.
688	City	31/3/2018	Alleged Breach of confidentiality	Investigation identified no breach Hearings sub committee accepted Investigators report, that the matter should not proceed to a hearing and that there

				be no further action
719	Parish	18/9/2018	Alleged breach of confidentiality and attempt to secure advantage for an individual in relation to a recruitment process	Referred for investigation 8/10/2018 Investigation ongoing

- 3) Members will see that two of the longer running cases have now reached a conclusion and that the final investigation report in relation to the 2017 complaint should soon be complete for consideration. It is anticipated that the Parish complaint which is ongoing be concluded in February.

Recommendations

- 4) Members are recommended to:

Note the report.

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

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Wards Affected:

All

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Background Papers: None