

Update: Procedures for dealing with Councillor Code of Conduct Complaints

Summary

- 1) This report provides Members with the final version of the procedures for dealing with Councillor Conduct complaints.

Background

1. On 20 November 2019 the Joint Standards Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the complaints procedure. Further amendments were made to the document, which is attached as Annex 1.
2. The previous report outlined that the procedure would need the approval of Full Council; however, this is not the case, the Code of Conduct requires Council approval, the complaints procedure merely requires the approval of the Joint Standards Committee. Members were made aware of this in December 2019.
3. Since the last meeting a question has been raised by a Member of the Committee relating to the composition of any sub-committee or hearings panel which requires consideration of the Joint Standards Committee and may impact upon the complaints procedure.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to:
 - 4.1. Consider the proposal relating to sub-committee and hearing panel composition from the Committee Member.
 - 4.2. Finalise the procedure document.

Reason:

To ensure that the procedures adopted by Council for dealing with complaints concerning the conduct of elected Members are compliant with legal requirements and remain fit for purpose.

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

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Annexes

Annex 1 –Complaints Procedure