

	
Joint Standards Committee	24 July 2019
Report of the Interim Monitoring Officer	

Monitoring Report on Complaints Received

Summary

1. This report is to update the Committee on the position regarding ongoing complaints.

Background

2. The table below provides information about ongoing complaints and in particular the stage each one has now reached.

Case Ref.	City or Parish	Date Received	Nature of Complaint	Status
225	City	29/8/2017	Standards issues raised during investigation of whistleblowing complaint.	MO received investigation report which found no breach. MO agreed with findings and case was determined on 23.4.2019
719	Parish	18/9/2018	Alleged breach of confidentiality and attempt to secure an advantage for an individual in relation to a recruitment process.	Investigation report received. MO and IPs agree with findings in the report. Meeting arranged with subject member to discuss findings and explore possible local resolution.

720	City	26/2/2019	This complaint alleges that the subject member's conduct was disrespectful.	The complaint was sent to the IPs in March 2019. A response from one of the IPs is awaited. MO has chased.
721	City	19/2/2019	This complaint alleges that the subject member acting in a manner that was not impartial.	The complaint was part of a more serious complaint against an Officer and it was agreed with the IPs that this investigation should be concluded before the member complaint could be progressed. At the time of the conclusion of that investigation the subject member had indicated that they would not be re-standing for Council and so the complaint could not be progressed.
722	City	14/6/2019	This complaint alleges that a comment by the subject member on social media was disrespectful.	The complaint was sent to the IPs on 24/6/2019. One response is outstanding the MO has chased.
723	Parish (x2)	24/6/2019	This complaint alleges that the subject members have behaved in a manner that is disrespectful.	The complaint was sent to the IPs on 5/7/2019.
724	City	1/7/2019	This complaint concerns the subject members conduct during the election.	The complaint was sent to the IPs on 5/7/2019.

3. Members will see that there are 2 complaints that are long running and the Monitoring Officer is seeking to bring these to a conclusion. The 3 new complaints will be progressed in

accordance with the agreed procedure and further updates will be brought to all future committee meetings.

Recommendations:

4. Members are recommended to:

Note the report.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee is aware of the current levels of activity and to be able to provide oversight of the complaints procedure.

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Annexes:

None

Background Papers:

None