

Joint Standards Committee

17 November 2022

Report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer

Monitoring Report in respect of Complaints Received

Summary

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

Background

2. The table attached at Annex A provides information about ongoing complaints and the table attached at Annex B provides the list of closed complaints.
3. Case reference 2021/17 was investigated and the hearing took place on 2nd September 2022 in respect of two of the three City of York Councillors named in the complaint. Part of the complaint, alleging failure to treat others with respect, was upheld in respect of the first subject member. No sanction was imposed. The complaints against the second subject member were not upheld. The complaint against the third City of York Councillor named in the same complaint was investigated and not upheld; the Joint Assessment Sub Committee confirmed this decision at their meeting on 9th August 2022.
4. Case reference 2021/20 is closed, no breach of the code was found following an investigation. This decision was confirmed by the Assessment Sub Committee on 9th August 2022.
5. Case references 2022/07 and 2022/15 are closed, a breach of the code was found following an investigation. Recommendation to seek informal resolution to both complaints by way of training. All parties notified and accept informal resolution.
6. Case references 2022/13, 2022/14, 2022/16, 2022/17 and 2022/18 are currently under investigation.

7. Case references 2022/19, 2022/21 and 2022/22 did not progress to investigation and are closed.
8. Case reference 2022/20 is closed, no breach of the code was identified by an Assessment Sub Committee on 19th October 2022.

Implications

Financial

9. Not applicable to this report.

Human Resources (HR)

10. Not applicable to this report.

Equalities

11. Maintaining standards across the City through the Code of Conduct ensures that an ethical framework can be adhered to, including ensuring that equality issues form an integral part of that framework.

Legal

12. As detailed within the report.

Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property

13. Not applicable to this report.

Recommendations

14. That the Joint Standards Committee notes the report, in order to ensure that the Committee is aware of the current levels of activity and is able to provide oversight of the complaints procedure.

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for the report:**

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**Report
Approved**

Date

9 November
2022

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

- Annex A – Table showing open complaints received.
- Annex B – Table showing closed complaints received.