

Joint Standards Committee

21 November 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. The table below gives information about new and ongoing casework handled during the period since the Committee last met in September:

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 One case referred for hearing. Second case final report expected shortly.
688	City	31/3/2018	Breach of confidentiality	MO referred for investigation Case considered by Sub Committee 8/8/2018 and referred for hearing.

				Date currently being fixed for pre hearing meeting to consider arrangements in light of parties' comments submitted as part of pre hearing process.
702	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 Investigation identified no breach. Closed 5/11/2018
719	Parish	18/09/2018	Alleged breach of confidentiality and attempt to secure advantage for an individual in relation to a recruitment process	Referred for investigation 8/10/2018
718	City	21/09/2018	Complaint relating to Members participating in decision at Executive and Planning Committee in relation to connected matters	MO and IP's agree no breach Closed 5/10/2018
717	City and Parish	26/9/2018	Offence taken at inaccurate information in correspondence	MO and IP's agree no breach Closed 1/10/2018

			and its content	
722	City	28/09/2018	Alleged failure to register interest	MO and IP's agree no breach. Interest had been registered but not in the way complainant expected. Closed 15/10/2018
723	City	19/10/2018	Alleged failure to respond to correspondence and request for a meeting	MO and IP's agree no breach Closed 2/11/2018
	City	28/10/2018	Alleged failure to declare interest	MO and IP's agree no breach. Any interest adequately declared/ Closed 12/11/2018

3. Members will see that this has been a busy period for case work with six new cases coming forward and an ongoing investigation concluded. Two of the new complaints originated from councillors. The other complaints were submitted by members of the public although one is a former councillor.

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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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers: None