Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Standards and Ethics Committee – 12 November 2026

Report Title
Standards and Ethics Committee - Consideration of Complaints

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report
N/A

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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary
A report updating the Committee on the Complaints received against Members of the Council, and Town and Parish Councillors alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Recommendations
That the Committee notes the Complaints received, and the actions taken to deal with those complaints, pursuant to the Standards and Ethics Committee Complaints Procedure.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Schedule of Complaints and actions taken

Background Papers
None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
None

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
The Appendix to this report will be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to an individual).

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1. Background

1.1 A Schedule of complaints received and actions taken in respect of those complaints is at Appendix 1.

1.2 As the schedule includes unproven allegations, it is anonymised in order to prevent identification of the relevant subject member.

2. Key Issues

2.1 The nature of each complaint is set out in the Schedule at Appendix 1. Any common themes arising from the Committee's overview of complaints should be identified. Further information in respect of the themes of the complaints is set out in Appendix 2. Members of the Committee may make suggestions in relation to means of addressing common issues which arise in the complaints.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 Options for dealing with the complaints are set out in the Complaints Procedure and the action taken in respect of each complaint is set out in the Schedule.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 One of the Standards and Ethics Committee Independent Persons is consulted in respect of each complaint.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

N/A

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 The officer time in dealing with these complaints is met within existing Legal Services resources.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 The Council and the Standards and Ethics Committee have a statutory duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct. Pursuant to the Localism Act 2011, the Council is required to adopt an appropriate Code of Conduct and arrangements for the investigation of allegations of breach of the Code of Conduct.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

None

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

None

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

None

11. Implications for Partners

None

12. Risks and Mitigation

None

13. Accountable Officer(s)

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