



Haringey Council

Report for:	Standards Committee	Item Number:	
	30 April 2013		

Title:	Code of Conduct for Members – Complaints Monitoring Report
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Ward(s) affected:	Report for Key/Non Key Decision(s)
N/A	N/A

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The Standards Committee is responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct and monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct.

1.2 In accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, the full Council approved a revised Code of Conduct for Members in July last year and agreed arrangements for dealing with allegations that a member has failed to comply with the code.

1.3. The arrangements agreed by full Council are attached as Appendix 1. and provide that complaints should be made to the Monitoring Officer. This report informs the Committee of the number of complaints received to date since implementation of the revised code of conduct in July 2012.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Members note the content of this report.



4. Alternative options considered

N/A

5. Background information

5.1 A total of five complaints have been received by the Monitoring Officer alleging a failure to comply with the code of conduct.

5.2 Three of these complaints concern one Councillor but relate to the same issue and have been made by different members of the public. These three complaints have been subject to an informal resolution process in accordance with paragraph 5.3(f) of Appendix 1. However, attempts at informal resolution were not successful and the matter will now be referred to the Assessment Sub-Committee for it to determine whether or not the complaints should be investigated in accordance with paragraph 5.5 of Appendix 1.

5.3 The remaining two complaints were made by the same member of the public and concern separate issues relating to a Councillor and a Co-opted Member. Following consultation with the Independent Person, the Monitoring Officer has determined that neither complaint merits further action under paragraph 5.3(a) of Appendix 1.

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

6.1 There are no significant financial implications arising out of this report.

7. Head of Legal Services and legal implications

7.1 As this is a report from the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, the legal considerations and implications are dealt with in the body of the report.

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

N/A

9. Head of Procurement Comments

N/A

10. Policy Implication

N/A

11. Use of Appendices



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11.1 Appendix 1: Arrangements for dealing with allegations that a member or co-opted member of Haringey Council has failed to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct.

12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

12.1 Background papers containing exempt information relating to any individual as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.