

## MEMBER CONDUCT COMMITTEE – 28TH NOVEMBER 2022

### Report of the Monitoring Officer

#### Part A

#### UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

##### Purpose of Report

To provide the Committee with an update on the complaints about breaches of the Code of Conduct that have been received and any issues arising from those complaints.

##### Recommendation

That the current position in respect of complaints about breaches of the code of conduct that have been received be noted.

##### Reason

To keep the Committee informed about complaints.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The functions and responsibilities of the Committee set out in the Council's Constitution include determining any complaints that members of the Borough Council or the parish and town councils in the Borough have breached the Code of Conduct. The initial stages of the complaints process are dealt with by the Monitoring Officer and the purpose of this report is to keep the Committee informed of the volume and nature of complaints that are received.

##### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

It is recommended that the Committee receives reports at each meeting about the complaints that have been received.

##### Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

##### *Financial Implications*

None

##### *Risk Management*

No risks have been identified with this decision.

Background Papers: None

Appendix A: List of complaints & actions

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## Part B

### Summary of Complaints Received to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

1. Since the last meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, and up to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022, no new complaints have been received.
2. For comparative information, the following table summarises complaints received in previous years (including complaints about both Borough and Parish/Town Councillors):

Year	Total Complaints
2012/13 (9 months)	10
2013/14	6
2014/15	21
2015/16	14
2016/17	7
2017/18	10
2018/19	13
2019/20	9
2020/21	7
2021/22	6
2022/23	2

Details of Complaints Received in 2022/23

APPENDIX A

<b>Type of councillor</b>	<b>Number of complaints</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Issues raised in complaint</b>	<b>Reason for no further action</b>	<b>Description of other action</b>	<b>Outcome of investigation</b>
Borough	1	Hearing scheduled	Conflict of interest in relation to an HMO property.			Potential breaches of the Code of Conduct identified.
Parish / Town	1	No breach of the Code of Conduct identified	Bullying and intimidating behaviour while chairing a meeting.			