

Date: 2 November 2021

Report CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

Purpose of the report

1. To provide Standards Committee with an update of Code of Conduct complaint activity.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Standards Committee note the content of this report.

Strategic Planning Framework

3. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework:

Corporate Plan

Objective 37: Operate governance arrangements that are fit for purpose as reported through the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Governance Report.

Background

4. Code of Conduct complaints are assessed in accordance with the Authority's [Assessment Criteria](#) by the Monitoring Officer who will determine what action to take on a complaint.
5. The Authority's arrangements for processing Code of Conduct complaints require the Monitoring Officer to report actions taken in relation to complaints to the Standards Committee.

Complaints

6. On 29 September 2021 the Monitoring Officer received a complaint regarding comments made by two Members during the debate at Planning Committee on 29 July 2021. The complaint was assessed by the Monitoring Officer in

consultation with the Chair of Standards Committee and the Independent Person. It was concluded that no further action was required.

Conclusion

7. Please see recommendation at Paragraph 2.

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