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## STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>STATISTICS – CODE OF CONDUCT ARRANGEMENTS COMPLAINTS</b>
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**AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC**

<b>Committee Meeting Date:</b>	9 October 2017
<b>Policy Document:</b>	No
<b>Directorate:</b>	Borough Secretary and Monitoring Officer

### 1. Purpose

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- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to report on the statistics regarding the number of complaints received, and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Conduct Arrangements for the Committee for its information.

### 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the statistics in relation to the number of complaints received, and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Conduct Arrangements.
- 2.2 That statistical data in relation the number of complaints received, and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Conduct Arrangements is presented to the Committee on an annual basis.

### 3. Issues and Choices

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#### 3.1 Report Background and Issues

- 3.1.1 It was resolved at the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 17 July 2017 that information regarding the number of complaints received, and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Conduct Arrangements for the Committee for its information at its October meeting.
- 3.1.2 Statistical data in relation to the number of complaints received and dealt with in respect of the Code of Conduct Arrangements is detailed below. Data has been provided from 2015/2016 to 2016/2017. Details of complaints received during 2017 to date are also provided.

## **2015/2016**

One complaint against a Parish Councillor. This complaint has been dealt with and the file closed.

## **2016/2017**

Twelve complaints. Eight against Parish Councillors and four in respect of Northampton Borough Councillors. All complaints have been dealt with and the files closed.

## **2017/2018**

To date seven complaints have been received. Two against Parish Councillors and five in respect of Northampton Borough Councillors. The five complaints in respect of Northampton Borough Councillors are still live. Three of these complaints have only very recently been submitted.

### **3.2 Choices**

3.2.1 Members are asked to note the information provided.

## **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 This report does not have any direct policy implications.

### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 This report does not have any direct resource implications.

### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 Complaints received are in accordance with the Arrangements for dealing with allegations of breaches of the Northampton Borough Council Members' Code of Conduct and of Codes of Conduct adopted by Parish Councils

### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 There are no direct equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

### **4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)**

4.5.1 Not applicable.

### **4.6 Other Implications**

4.6.1 None.

## **5. Background Papers**

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- 5.1 Complaints received in respect of the Arrangements for dealing with allegations of breaches of the Northampton Borough Council Members' Code of Conduct and of Codes of Conduct adopted by Parish Councils.

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