

17 MAY 2012

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL AND MONITORING OFFICER

COMPLAINTS TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE

EXEMPT INFORMATION

NONE

PURPOSE

To advise Members on the number of complaints received for the year 01 April 2010 until 31 March 2011 in relation to breaches of the Code of Conduct since the local filtering regime was put in place in May 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members endorse the findings contained in the report the report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the establishment of the new local assessment arrangements in May 2008 I can confirm that in the year from 01 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 one complaint was received.

The complaint was considered by the Standards Assessment Sub- Committee on 17 January 2012. The Committee resolved that no action be taken in respect of the allegation.

With effect from 1 July 2012 the current procedure for dealing with complaints against members will be abolished. Government guidance and regulations are expected shortly. A further report on proposals to deal with complaints and an new Code of Conduct will be brought to the next Council meeting on 19 June 2012 for members consideration.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

There are no Legal/risk implications arising from this report

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

None

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

APPENDICES

None