

<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Legal And Governance Services Executive Member for Legal And Governance Services
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<b>Submitted to:</b>	Standards Committee
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<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2024
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<b>Title:</b>	Quarterly update report to Standards Committee
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<b>Report for:</b>	Discussion
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<b>Status:</b>	Public
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<b>Strategic priority:</b>	Quality of service
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<b>Key decision:</b>	No
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<b>Why:</b>	Report is for information only
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<b>Urgent:</b>	No
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<b>Why:</b>	Not applicable
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### Executive summary

This report provides a quarterly update to the Standards Committee in regards to the recent and current position concerning Code of Conduct Complaints so that the committee has assurance about the practice and process.

## Purpose

1. To provide information only by way of a quarterly update to the Standards Committee in regards to the recent and current position concerning Code of Conduct Complaints so that the committee has assurance about the practice and process.

## Background and relevant information

2. This report is provided to committee members to give an overview of the current, and recent position in regards to the Code of Conduct complaints received.

Year (Jan-Dec)	Total complaints	Member on Member	Other on Member (ie member of public, officer)	No. withdrawn/ not progressed by complainant/discontinued due to not re-elected	No. rejected	No. resolved informally	No. to investigation	No. to standards Committee after investigation
2019	27	9	18	4	9	10	4	3
2020	31	4	27	17	13	1	2	1
2021	33	13	20	2	4	19	4	1
2022	12	3	9	3	4	2	0	0
2023	59	10	49	9	28	6	6	1
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. There are now, no outstanding complaints from 2020, 2021 and 2022.
4. There have been 59 complaints submitted to date in 2023. Of the 59 complaints, there have been 28 complaints rejected on the basis of the assessment criteria, 1 withdrawn, 8 discontinued and 6 resolved by way of advice and guidance and 6 going to investigation. **TOTAL OUTSTANDING 2023 – 10.**

## UPDATE ON INDEPENDENT PEOPLE

5. Training has been completed of all the Independent Person(s) and they are now active.

## **Constitutions relationship with Members Code of Conduct**

6. To note that the new Constitution came into effect on 18 September 2023. As a result of which the committee's attention is drawn to the Members Code of Conduct contained therein, which sets out the expected standards of behaviour of members. The Code of Conduct Complaint form has now been amended to reflect the Code of Conduct contained within the Constitution.

### **What decision(s) are being recommended?**

7. Standards Committee is asked to note the contents of this report, which will act as a basis for further discussion in the committee meeting.

### **Rationale for the recommended decision(s)**

8. N/A

### **Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended**

9. N/A

### **Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)**

#### ***Legal***

10. Not applicable as report is for noting.

#### ***Strategic priorities and risks***

11. The report contributes to the council demonstrating its approach to maintaining standards of behaviour and ethical governance.

#### ***Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection***

12. There are no issues of equality and diversity.

#### ***Financial***

13. There is no financial impact.

### **Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)**

14. Report is for information only.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Deadline</b>

## Appendices

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### Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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