

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

27 JUNE 2019

ANNUAL STANDARDS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2018 – 31 MARCH 2019

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To consider the Annual Standards Report for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

2.0 Background

2.1 At its meeting on 10 March 2016 the Council deleted the Standards Committee from the committee structure with its remit being incorporated in to the Policy & Finance Committee. It was further agreed that the Annual Report relating to standards issues be brought to the Policy & Finance Committee.

3.0 Code of Conduct Complaints

3.1 The Monitoring Officer received five complaints within the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. Two complaints resulted in no further action being taken.

3.2 Three complaints are currently being investigated by the Monitoring Officer. These all relate to parish councillors, two being from the same parish.

4.0 Formal Investigation and Code of Conduct Hearing

4.1 There were no formal investigations or Code of Conduct Hearings required for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

5.0 Register of Members Interests

5.1 Register of Interests Forms for Newark & Sherwood District Council Members were issued to all Members following the District Council elections held on 2 May 2019. These were required to be completed and returned within 28 days of the election. These have been returned from all Members and are in the process of being published on the Council's website.

5.2 Newly elected Town and Parish Councillors are also required to complete a Register of Interest form within 28 days of the election. These are still being returned by parishes and will be published on the District Council's website in due course.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the annual report be noted.

Reason for Recommendation

To provide Members with details of the standards complaints in 2018/19.

Background Papers

Nil

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