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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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GOVERNANCE, ETHICS & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Complaints received pursuant to the Code of Conduct for Elected Members

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide a summary of the complaints received and their respective outcomes in relation to the Members Code of Conduct for the period 12th April 2019 to 21st June 2019.

2. Information and Analysis

As part of the procedure for managing complaints received in relation to the Members Code of Conduct, the outcome of any complaint received should be reported to the Standards Committee.

During the period 12th April 2019 to 21st June 2019, three complaints have been received and one of these has been concluded. At the time of the last update report, one complaint was outstanding and this has now been concluded and is reported below.

At the time of preparation of this report there are two complaints currently on-going.

The details of the concluded complaints are as follows:

	Complaint received from	Substance of the Complaint	Outcome
Cllr 1 (outstanding complaint from the last reporting period)	Member of the Public	Allegation that all aspects of the Code of Conduct had been breached due to disrespectful behaviour	Complaint not upheld
Cllr 2	Member of the Public	Failure to respond to repeated requests for information relating to a local issue	Complaint upheld in an informal manner as the Councillor in question offered an apology.

3. Legal Consideration

The Council is required to publish a Member Code of Conduct and a complaints procedure.

4. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Background Papers

Derbyshire County Council's Constitution.

6. Officer recommendation

The Standards Committee is invited to note the contents of this report.

Details relating to the outstanding current complaint will be reported to a future meeting of the Standards Committee once the matter has been concluded.

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