

**REPORT FOR RESOLUTION**

**COMMITTEE:** Standards Committee

**DATE:** 17 November 2008

**SUBJECT:** Monitoring Report

**REPORT OF:** The City Solicitor

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To inform the Committee of the number and outcome of complaints that members of the Council had breached the Council's Code of Conduct made since the last monitoring report until 31 October 2008.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) To note the Standards Board for England's findings in relation to complaints against members during the period of 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2008.
- 2) To note the Standards Committee's findings in relation to complaints against members during the period of 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2008
- 3) To comment on the format and content of future monitoring reports.

**FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR REVENUE BUDGET:** None.

**FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR CAPITAL BUDGET:** None.

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All.

**IMPLICATIONS FOR:**

Antipoverty	Equal Opportunities	Environment	Employment
No	No	No	No

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Report to the Standards Committee on 20 November 2006.

## **Background**

1. The City Solicitor last delivered a monitoring report to the Standards Committee on 20 November 2006. This report is to update the Committee on complaints that members of the Council had breached the Council's Code of Conduct for Members ("the Code") during the period 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2008.
2. Complaints that members of the Council had breached the Code made between 1 November 2006 and 7 May 2008, were assessed by the Standards Board for England ("the Old Regime"). From 8 May 2008 responsibility for assessing allegations of breach of the Code transferred from the Standards Board to local authority standards committees ("the New Regime").

## **Complaints Processed under the Old and New Regimes**

3. In the period covered by this report 6 complaints were made, 5 under the Old Regime and one under the New Regime.
4. In relation to the complaints handled under the Old Regime, none were referred by the Standards Board for investigation.
5. In the case of the sole complaint under the New Regime the decision of the Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee was to take no action. The complainant did not request a review of the Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee's decision.

## **Future Monitoring Reports**

6. Members are invited to comment on the format and content of future monitoring reports.