
**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Standards Committee - 18 November 2013
Subject: Monitoring Officer Report on Member Complaints
Report of: The City Solicitor

Purpose of the Report:

To provide the Standards Committee with an update on allegations of breach of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members (the Code) for the period 11 July 2012 to 8 November 2013.

Recommendations:

To note the report.

Wards Affected:

All.

Financial Consequences for Revenue Budget:

There is a revenue cost in connection with matters referred for investigation and any subsequent hearings of an alleged breach or breaches of the Code.

Financial Consequences for the Capital Budget:

None.

Implications for:

Antipoverty	Equal Opportunities	Environment	Employment
No	No	No	No

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Background Documents:

Report of the City Solicitor to the Standards Committee on 19 November 2013 entitled "Update and Work Programme".

1. Background

- 1.1 On 11 July 2012 the Council adopted a new Code of Conduct for Members (the Code) in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 together with arrangements for dealing with complaints that Council Members have failed to comply with the Code (the Arrangements).
- 1.2 An oral update on allegations that Council Members failed to comply with the Code was provided at meetings of the Committee on 14 January and 1 March 2013.

2. Complaints received between 11 July 2012 to 8 November 2013.

- 2.1 During the above period 20 complaints were received by the Monitoring Officer.
- 2.2 Of those complaints 8 were either withdrawn or not pursued further.
- 2.3 The status of the remaining 12 complaints is:
 - 8 were rejected following initial assessment by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with one of the Council's Independent Persons;
 - 1 has been referred for investigation;
 - 2 have been referred to one of the Council's Independent Persons for consultation; and
 - 1 recently received request is to be assessed.