

COMPLAINTS UPDATE: 07/06/17 – 20/11/17

Reference	Subject Member	Complainant	Nature of complaint	Route	Outcome	Turn-around time (days)	Reparation
2017/05	Cllr A Cllr B	Public	Did not taking duties seriously and did not help constituents	MO and IP	Rejected – does not disclose breach or potential breach of the Code of Conduct	34 days	
2017/08	Cllr C	Public	Councillor was disrespectful and unhelpful in pursuing a matter	MO and IP Review by second IP	Rejected – not acting as Councillor in respect of the matter being complained about Agrees with initial outcome.	33 days	
2017/09	Cllr D	Public	Councillor was trying to influence a staffing matter in an organisation	MO and IP	Not yet conferred with IP but evidence points to Councillor clearly being there in a private capacity not a Council one		

- There have been numerous other referrals to the Monitoring Officer since June 2017 alleging misconduct. Most of these relate to alleged misconduct perpetrated by Elected Members through use of social media. None of these evolved into complaints that could be properly considered because (i) the complaint was vague and the complainant failed to provide any more detail when prompted by the Monitoring Officer; (ii) it was clear that the Councillor was not acting on the business of the Authority when utilising social media. As a result of this the Monitoring Officer has decided to present the existing 'Guidance of Social Media for Elected Members' to the next meeting of the Standards Committee for review.