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NAME OF COMMITTEE	Standards
DATE	25 October 2011
REPORT TITLE	Update on Standards Complaints
REPORT OF	Deputy Monitoring Officer
WARDS AFFECTED	All

Summary of report:

To update Members on the number of Standards complaints received over the last six months

Financial implications:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To note the status of ongoing complaints made to the Standards Committee in relation to the Code of Conduct from 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2011

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Best Practice states that the Standards Committee should receive regular updates on the status and outcomes of ongoing complaints and these are set out in the table attached at Appendix A.

2. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The powers for dealing with standards complaints are set out in the Local Government Act 2000, the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, and the Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009.
- 2.2 To update the Standards Committee on current complaints made regarding the code of conduct.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The risk management implications are:

Opportunities	Benefits
To apprise the Standards Committee on the status of ongoing complaints	Awareness of the number of complaints and whether borough or parish related
Issues/Obstacles/Threats	Control measures/mitigation
Standards Committee not aware of the complaints received, status or outcome of those complaints	Monitoring and awareness of complaints received under the Code

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate priorities engaged:	Towards Excellence
Considerations of equality and human rights:	N/a
Biodiversity considerations:	N/a
Sustainability considerations:	N/a
Crime and disorder implications:	N/a
Appendices attached:	Appendix A - table of complaints