

# HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Standards Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

## Councillors Code of Conduct FOR NOTING

Key Decision: No

Report Number: HBC/093/2022

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### 1. Purpose

To update the Committee on the Councillor Code of Conduct Complaints received by the Monitoring Officer or that have been ongoing, since 1 January 2022.

### 2. Recommendation

2.1. Members are requested to NOTE the report.

### 3. Executive Summary

3.1. The Monitoring Officer has the responsibility of monitoring and dealing with Councillor Code of Conduct complaints and covers complaints relating to Borough Councillors. This report details formal complaints, i.e. where the Monitoring Officer has received a formal complaint in the approved form.

3.2. The Monitoring Officer has a total of 2 complaints that have been received since 1 January 2022. Both of these have been resolved.

3.3 The attached spreadsheet (**exempt**) contains a brief summary of the complaints.

### 4. Additional Budgetary Implications

4.1. None

### 5. Background and relationship to Corporate Strategy and/or Business Plans

5.1. This aligns with the requirements of the Constitution and the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee.

**6. Options considered**

6.1. N/A

**7. Resource Implications**

7.1. N/A

**7.2. Human Resources Implications**

N/A

**7.3. Information Governance Implications**

N/A

**Section 151 Officer comments**

Date: 28/10/2022

There are no additional resources arising from this report.

7.4. Other resource implications

N/A

**8. Legal Implications**

8.1. N/A

**9. Risks**

**Monitoring Officer comments**

Date: 27.10.2022

Regular updates on existing member code of conduct complaints and associated process are a key requirement for ensuring the highest standard of member behaviour in keeping with best practice for good governance.

9.1. N/A

**10. Consultation**

10.1. N/A

**11. Communication**

11.1. N/A

**12. Appendices**

12.1. Appendix 1 – Spreadsheet - **EXEMPT**

**13. Background papers**

13.1. NONE

Agreed and signed off by:

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