


Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Standards (Advisory) Committee</b>  25 January 2018	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Code of Conduct for Members - Complaint Monitoring</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Mark Norman, Legal Adviser & Deputy Monitoring Officer
<b>Wards affected</b>	(All Wards);

### Summary

Appendix 1 to this report updates the Advisory Committee on the quarterly monitoring information for complaints and investigations relating to alleged breaches Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

### Recommendations:

The Standards (Advisory) Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the content of this report and consider the information contained in Appendix 1.

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The Council's arrangements for dealing with complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct for Members (paragraph 11) provide for the Monitoring Officer to report quarterly (or less frequently if there are no complaints to report) to the Advisory Committee on the number and nature of complaints received and action taken as a result.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 Not applicable.

## **3. DETAILS OF REPORT**

- 3.1 The Advisory Committee last considered a monitoring report at its meeting on 19 October 2017. Since that meeting an additional 7 complaints have been received and the updated monitoring information is contained in Appendix 1 to this report.

## **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 4.1 This is a noting report and thus there are no financial commitments arising from the recommendations within the report.

## **5. LEGAL COMMENTS**

- 5.1 The principal statutory provisions relating to standards of conduct are contained in the Localism Act 2011. Section 27(1) of the 2011 Act provides that the Council must promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and Co-opted Members of the authority.
- 5.2 Sections 27 and 28 of the Localism Act require the Council to adopt a Code of Conduct consistent with the Nolan principles of good governance and to appoint at least one Independent Person whose views must be sought and taken into account before the Council makes any decision about an alleged breach of the Code that has been investigated.

## **6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no specific anti poverty or equal opportunity implications arising out of this report.

## **7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Council's arrangements for dealing with complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct for Members were revised in December 2016 to improve the transparency and efficiency of the process.

**8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

8.1 This report has no immediate implications for the Council's policy of sustainable action for a greener environment.

**9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The provision of quarterly reports relating to the number and nature of complaints assists the Advisory Committee in exercising its oversight role in terms of promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct.

**10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no specific crime and disorder reduction implications arising out of this report.

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**Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

**Linked Report**

NONE.

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 Complaints and investigation monitoring information

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)  
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

NONE

**Officer contact details for documents:**

N/A