


Non-Executive Report of the: Standards (Advisory) Committee 14 March 2018	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain - Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Code of Conduct for Members - Complaint Monitoring	

Originating Officer(s)	Mark Norman – Legal Adviser & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Wards affected	(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 17 January 2018. Since the last monitoring report was prepared an additional 3 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 There are no specific financial implications arising from this 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.

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