Standards Committee 25 April 2017

Code of Conduct Complaints - Status Report

	Cases received (*denotes unitary cllr)	Cases open (cumulative)	Assessed investigatio n	Assessed no further action	Assessed alternative resolution/*complaint withdrawn	Pending assessment (*assessed & decision notice being finalised)	Other	Cases closed
2012	25	11	1	24	0	0	0	14
2013	24	11	0	16	7	1	0	24
2014	79	17	1	62	16	0	0	73
2015	47	17	1	37	9	0	0	47
2016	59	23	10	42	0	1	6	53
2017								
January	3	19	0	3	0	0	0	7
February	1*	17	0	0	0	1	0	3
March	2*	17	0	0	0	2	0	2
	6	N/A	0	3	0	3	0	12

Requests for review received
4 (upheld)
5 (upheld)
16 (14 upheld & 2 overturned)
9 (upheld)
18 (17 upheld & 1 overturned)
1 (upheld)
5 (upheld)
5 (3 upheld & 2 overturned)

Complaints referred for investigation since 1 January 2016

Case reference	Date of Assessment	Progress
	Assessment	
WC-ENQ00137	22/03/2016	Hearing Sub-Committee 01/09/2016 – Investigating officer's finding of breach agreed – file closed 06/09/2016
WC-ENQ00153	08/07/2015	Investigating Officer appointed 02/02/2017 - investigation in progress (in conjunction with WC-ENQ162 & WC-ENQ00190)
WC-ENQ00162	21/12/2016	Investigating Officer appointed 07/03/2017 – investigation in progress (in conjunction with WC-ENQ00153 & WC-ENQ00190)
WC-ENQ00165	09/09/2016	Referred for investigation at Review Sub-Ctte 28/03/2017 - investigating officer to be appointed (in conjunction with WC-ENQ00181)
WC-ENQ00167	09/09/2016	Investigating Officer appointed 06/12/2016 – investigation report being finalised
WC-ENQ00172	04/10/2016	Referred for investigation at Review Sub-Committee 03/03/2017 – investigating officer to be appointed
WC-ENQ00173	04/10/2016	Investigation report with MO for review
WC-ENQ00178	21/12/2016	Investigating Officer appointed 30/03/2017 – investigation in progress
WC-ENQ00181	09/11/2016	Referred for investigation at Review Sub-Ctte 28/03/2017 - investigating officer to be appointed (in conjunction with WC-ENQ00165)
WC-ENQ00190	21/12/2016	Investigating Officer appointed 07/03/2017 – investigation in progress (in conjunction with WC-ENQ00153 & WC-ENQ00162)

The types of complaints received in 2016 are categorised as follows:

Type of complaint	Number
Non-disclosure of interests/participating and voting at meetings	7
Inappropriate behaviour i.e. disrespect/bullying	24
Failing to respond to letter/emails or to provide information/lack of communication	2
Deliberate misrepresentation of facts	12
Spreading false rumours	2
Data breach	1
Showing bias towards/against parishioners	4
Failing to act in the public interest	2
Inappropriate use of social media	2
Bringing council into disrepute	1
Seeking to damage complainant's reputation	1
Operation of parish council (not Code of Conduct)	1
Total	59

The types of complaints received in 2017 are categorised as follows:

Type of complaint	Number
Non-disclosure of interests/participating and voting at meetings	2
Inappropriate behaviour i.e. disrespect/bullying	1
Failing to act in the public interest	2
Failing to respond to letter/emails or to provide information/lack of communication	1