



East  
Northamptonshire  
Council

## Joint Standards Complaints Committee – 3 September 2015

### Activity Report of the Monitoring Officer

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**Purpose of report:** This regular report provides a brief update on Monitoring Officer activity since the last meeting on Monday 6 July 2015

**Attachment(s):** None

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#### **1.0 Registers of Interest**

1.1 All completed Registers that have been received have been uploaded to the ENC website. All ENC Councillors have completed their Registers. Just over 90% of elected town and parish councillors have returned their Registers at the time of writing this report, with a few more arriving each week.

1.2 Following the discussions at the last meeting, letters were sent to the clerks of the five parish councils which at that point had not returned any forms and for whom no telephone number is known. A conversation was had with the clerk of the sixth council. These produced responses from councillors at only one of the councils concerned so individual letters have now been sent to all councillors who have not returned a Register.

#### **2.0 Monitoring Officer enquiries**

2.1 Since the Committee last met on 6 July the Monitoring Officer has received eight enquiries relating to standards issues.

#### **3.0 Complaints**

3.1 Eight new town and parish council complaints have been received since the last report, all of which relate to the same parish council. These complaints are at the initial investigation stage.

#### **4.0 Equality and diversity issues**

4.1 There are no known negative equality and diversity issues arising from this paper.

#### **5.0 Legal implications**

5.1 This report outlines activities undertaken under local arrangements which reflect the Localism Act 2011 and related regulations.

#### **6.0 Risk management**

6.1 The actions reported reduce the risk of non-compliance with legislation.

#### **7.0 Financial implications**

7.1 There are no known additional financial implications arising from this report.

## 8.0 Corporate outcomes

8.1 The work reported here contributes to the Corporate Outcomes of Effective Management and Strong Community Leadership.

## 9.0 Recommendations

9.1 Members are recommended to note the contents of this report.

<b>Legal</b>	Power: <b>Localism Act 2011</b>				
	Other considerations:				
<b>Background Papers:</b>					
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