



Standards Board - 18 October 2010

Activity Report of the Monitoring Officer

Summary

This report provides a brief update on current Monitoring Officer activity and ethical matters as requested by the Board for each meeting.

Attachment(s)

1.0 Parish and Town Council Activity

- 1.1 Since the board met on 7 July 2010, 13 enquiries have been recorded from Parish and Town Council Clerks and Councillors, District Councillors and the general public, seeking advice on the complaints process, or personal and prejudicial interests and code of conduct matters
- 1.2 Changes to the Town and Parish Council Registers of Interest continue as vacancies arise and are filled. There are currently 14 vacancies around the district.

2.0 Complaints against Councillors

- 2.1 As noted verbally at the last meeting, currently one complaint against a Councillor is at the Investigation Stage. The investigation report is anticipated to be completed in October.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report

Implications:		
Corporate Outcomes or Other Policy/Priority/Strategy		
Good Quality of Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good Reputation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Good Value for Money	<input type="checkbox"/>	High Quality Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective Partnership Working	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Community Leadership <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Knowledge of our Customers and Communities <input type="checkbox"/>
Employees and Members with the Right Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours		
Other:		
Decision(s) would be outside the budget or policy framework and require full Council approval <input type="checkbox"/>		
Financial	There are no financial implications at this stage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
There will be financial implications – see paragraph <input type="checkbox"/>		
There is provision within existing budget <input type="checkbox"/>		
Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure at a later date <input type="checkbox"/>		
Decisions may have potential for income generation <input type="checkbox"/>		
Risk Management	An assessment has been carried out and there are no material risks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Material risks exist and these are recorded at Risk Register Reference - <input type="checkbox"/>		
inherent risk score -		
residual risk score -		
Staff	There are no additional staffing implications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Additional staff will be required – see paragraph <input type="checkbox"/>		

Equalities and Human Rights	There will be no impact on equality (race, age, gender, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation) or human rights implications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	There will be an impact on equality (see categories above) or human rights implications – see paragraph <input type="checkbox"/>				
Legal	Power: Local Government Act 2000				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers:					
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