

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS  
COMMITTEE**

**9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL  
SERVICES & MONITORING OFFICER**

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**MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS – QUARTER 2 OF  
2020/21**

**Reason for Report**

1. To provide the Committee with an update on complaints made during Quarter 2 of 2020/21 (the period running from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020) against Members of Cardiff Council or any of Cardiff's Community Councils, alleging a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct.

**Background**

2. The Committee receives quarterly reports from the Monitoring Officer on complaints, made against Members of Cardiff Council and Community Councils within its area, alleging a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct. (There are six Community Councils in Cardiff: Lisvane; Old St. Mellons; Pentyrch; Radyr and Morganstown; St. Fagans; and Tongwynlais.) These reports provide information to assist the Committee to discharge its functions, in particular:
  - i. To monitor and scrutinise the ethical standards of the Authority, its Members, employees and any associated providers of the Authority's services, and to report to the Council on any matters of concern;
  - ii. To advise the Council on the effective implementation of the Code including such matters as the training of Members and employees on the Code's application; and
  - iii. To undertake those functions in relation to community councils situated in the area of the Council and members of those community councils which are required by law',

(paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) respectively, of the Committee's terms of reference).

3. The Committee considers the number of complaints made and any themes or patterns emerging, but does not consider the specific details of each individual case, unless the complaint is formally referred to the Committee for a decision.
4. Complaints received during Quarters 3 and 4 of 2019/20 and Quarter 1 of 2020/21 were reported to the Committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### Issues

5. During Quarter 2 of 2020/21, covering the period running from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, no complaints alleging a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct were reported to the Monitoring Officer.
6. The table below shows the figure for this period alongside comparative figures for the previous four quarters.

	Q2 Jul, Aug, Sept 2019	Q3 Oct, Nov, Dec 2019	Q4 Jan, Feb, Mar 2020	Q1 Apr, May, Jun 2020	Q2 Jul, Aug, Sept 2020
Member on Member	4	0	0	1	0
Public on Member	0	1	1	1	0
Officer on Member	0	0	0	0	0
Community Councillors	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

7. When considering the above, the Committee will of course be mindful of the national lockdown which was in effect for most of the reporting period and the impact this may have had.

### Legal Implications

8. There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **Financial Implications**

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **Recommendation**

The Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report.

**Davina Fiore**

**Director of Governance and Legal Services, and Monitoring Officer**

27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Background papers

Standards and Ethics Committee report 'Member Code of Conduct Complaints, Quarters 3 and 4 of 2019/20 and Quarter 1 of 2020/21, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020