
Meeting: Standards Committee
Date: 29 October 2010
Subject: Update on Current Standard Matters
Report of: Monitoring Officer
Summary: To advise Members on the latest position relating Assessment, Reviews and Hearings

Contact Officer:

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Non-executive

Reason for urgency (if appropriate) N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive and note the report.

1. The report set out at Appendix "A" shows the current position relating to code of conduct cases, together with information about any further complaints received by the Standards Committee.
2. Members are requested to receive and note this report.
3. At Appendix "B" a table setting out the numbers of matters dealt with by individual Members is attached for information.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Contributes to all Council priorities to ensure good governance

Financial:

N/A

Legal:

To ensure high ethical conduct within the Council in accordance with the requirements of the Ethical Framework as set out in the Local Government Act 2000

Risk Management:

N/A

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

N/A

Equalities/Human Rights:

None

Community Development/Safety:

N/A

Sustainability:

N/A

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands

Central Bedfordshire Council Standards Committee Matters

Case Ref No	Type of Hearing	Town/Parish Council or CBC Member	Date received.	Outcome
CBC7	A	Town Council and CBC	6 November 2009	No further action
CBC5	A	CBC	20 November 2009	Referred for other action to the Monitoring Officer
CBC8	A	Parish Council	7 December 2009	Referred for Investigation Hearing held on 30 April 2010 – no breach
CBC9	A H	Town Council as well as CBC	11 December 2009	Referred for Investigation Hearing held on 27 May 2010 Paragraph 3(1) - breached Paragraph 3(2)(b) - breached Paragraph 5 - breached Sanction: 2 months suspension. Appeal to First Tier Tribunal: Appeal partially upheld. Sanction upheld.
CBC10	A H	Town Council	22 January 2010	Referred for Investigation Hearing held on 27 September 2010 No breach
SC5	H	Town Council	9 February 2010	No Breach under Code paragraph 6(a) – using position improperly Breach under Code paragraph 12 – failure to declare a prejudicial interest Sanction – Training
CBC11	A Pre-Hearing	CBC	18 February 2010 9 July 2010	Referred for Investigation Report accepted - no breach
CBC12	A Pre-Hearing	CBC	18 February 2010 19 July 2010	Referred for Investigation Report accepted - no breach
CBC13	A H	CBC	18 February 2010 3 December 2010	Referred for Investigation.

CBC14	A	Town Council	26 March 2010	No further action after review but offered assistance for training to assist in matters
CBC15	A	Town Council	17 June 2010	No further action
CBC16	A R	CBC	17 August 2010 23 September 2010	No further action. No further action.
CBC17	A R	2 CBC 1 Town Council 1 Town Council	7 September 2010 14 October 2010	1 CBC – no further action 1 CBC – investigation 1 T/C – no further action Other Action – MO to speak to Cllr about meeting procedures
CBC18	A	Town Council	23 September 2010	Referred to MO for other action, including an apology to complainant.
CBC19	A	2 x CBC 1 x CBC and Town Council	14 October 2010	1 – no further action 1 – other action – MO to speak to Cllr in respect of Member/ Officer protocol 1 – investigation
CBC20	A	Parish Council	TBA	
CBC21	A	Parish Council	TBA	

Assessment (A)
Review (R)
Hearing (H)

List of Members undertaking Sub-Committee (Initial Assessments), Reviews and Pre-Hearings and Hearings

		Initial Assessments	Reviews	Pre-Hearing	Hearing
Independent Member	Mr K Ford	5	3	1	1
	Miss D Maggs	8	1		1
	Mr J Dann	5	1		
	Mr K Frazer	2	1	2	2
	Mr M Jones	9	2	1	2 + *
Elected Member	P Rawcliffe	4			2
	Mrs J G Lawrence	5	3		2
	A A J Rogers	12	2	1	2
	J Street	3	2	2	2*
	G Summerfield	2			
Town/Parish Member	Mr B Collier	11	1	1	1
	Dr W J Eilbeck	8	4	1	1 + *
	Ms J Hughes	3	1		1*
	Mr J Lewis apart from	5 (2 cases as an elected member for Shadow Council)		1	1
	Mr B Saunders (newly appointed)			2	1 (observer) + 1

* Hearing could have occurred but not required as Investigator's report accepted. No Action.

as at 18 October 2010