
Meeting: Standards Committee
Date: 21 January 2011
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: John Atkinson, Monitoring/Head of Democratic & Legal Services
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
CBC9	A H	Town Council and 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. Appeal to Upper Tier Tribunal Permission refused 5 January 2011.
CBC13	A H	CBC	18 February 2010 28 January 2011	Referred for Investigation.
CBC17	A R	Town Council and CBC	7 September 2010 14 October 2010	Referred for investigation
CBC19	A	CBC	14 October 2010	Referred for investigation
CBC20	A	Parish Council	5 November 2010	No action
CBC21	A	Parish Council	5 November 2010	No action
CBC22	A	Town Council	5 November 2010	Referred for investigation
CBC23	A	Town Council	5 November 2010	Referred for investigation
CBC24	A	Parish Council	13 January 2011	
CBC25	A	CBC	13 January 2011	

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	11	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	10			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	12	4	1	1 + *
	Ms J Hughes	3	1		1*
	Mr J Lewis apart from	7 (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 6 January 2011