

CONDUCT COMMITTEE

7 October 2014

UPDATE REPORT

Report of the Monitoring Officer

STRATEGIC AIM:	All
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the Conduct related matters that have occurred since the previous general update provided on 28 January 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of this report.

3. UPDATE

- 3.1 **Committee membership** - The Committee's membership is now complete. Following a county wide recruitment exercise the Parish and Town Council representatives were appointed by Full Council in June 2014. The appointments have been made for the period up to May 2015, when local and parish elections take place.
- 3.2 **Independent person** - A second independent person, Mr Gordon Grimes, was appointed by Full Council in April 2014. This appointment was made for a period of 3 years, to 31 March 2017.
- 3.3 **Complaints received under the code of conduct** – since January 2014 there have been 4 complaints received under the code of conduct. One of these is still in progress. Of the three completed complaints, one was resolved informally and two required no further action.
- 3.4 **Registers of Interests** -The Council is required to publish the registers of interest of all County and Parish Councillors. For County Councillors, we are now in receipt of and have published 23 of the current membership of 24 (there are currently two vacancies on the County Council). The work to publish the registers for Parishes is ongoing and is due to be completed by the end of October.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	Low	No issues arising
Viability	Low	No issues arising
Finance	Low	No issues arising
Profile	Low	This report sets out how we are complying with statutory guidance and there is little public interest.
Equality and Diversity	Low	An initial equality impact assessment has been completed and there are no matters arising that require consideration relating to the proposals in this report.

Background Papers

Background File Ref: None

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