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COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEMBER CONDUCT

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Summary

This report provides information in respect of complaints about member conduct which have been dealt with by the Assessment Sub-Committee or the Review Sub-Committee respectively, at meetings held since the last meeting of the Standards Committee

Recommendations

That the report be noted.

Report

1. Outcome of Complaints to Assessment Sub-Committee

24 complaints which were made since the last meeting of the Standards Committee have been concluded. These involved 2 members of the Shropshire Council and the remainder were Town/Parish Councillors. The figure is a little distorted due to one allegation that was made about all 11 members of a particular Town Council.

2. Outcome of requests for review of decisions to the Review Sub-Committee

Out of the 24 complaints concluded, 16 requests were made for the decision to be reviewed. This included 1 member of Shropshire Council and all 11 members of the Town Council referred to above.

3. First-tier Tribunal (Local Government Standards in England)

The outcome of two investigations have been referred to the First-tier Tribunal (Local Government Standards in England) which replaces the Adjudication Panel for England. It is expected that these will be dealt with in March/April 2010.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
Decision Notices of Assessment Sub-Committee regarding complaints on member conduct.
Human Rights Act Appraisal
This report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
Environmental Appraisal
N/A
Risk Management Appraisal
It is vital to ensure high standards of conduct from elected and co-opted members of parish/town councils. A failure to do so will undermine the public's trust in their local Councillors and Councils.
Community / Consultations Appraisal
N/A
Cabinet Member
N/A
Local Member
All areas of the County
Appendices
None