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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 on 29th April 2009 or the Review Sub-Committee on 29th April 2009 and 1st June 2009, respectively.

Recommendations

That the report be noted.

Report

- (i) Outcome of complaints to Assessment Sub-Committee on 29th April 2009.

To inform the Committee of the decisions of the Assessment Sub-Committee to take no further action in respect of allegations that Councillors B Jones and C Baines of the former Bridgnorth District Council and Councillors E Nicholas and C Coles of West Felton Parish Council failed to comply with the relevant Councils' Code of Conduct.

A copy of the Decision Notice for each case is attached.

- (ii) Outcome of requests for review of decisions to the Review Sub-Committee.

(a) To inform the Committee of the decisions of the Review Sub-Committee of 29th April 2009 to uphold the decisions of the former Bridgnorth District Council to take no further action in respect of allegations that Councillors E Shirley of Bridgnorth Town Council and Cllr B Jones and all members of Bridgnorth Town Council failed to comply with the Code of Conduct of the Town Council.

A copy of the original Decision Notice for each case is attached.

- (b) To inform the Committee of the decision of the Review Sub-Committee of 1st June 2009 to uphold the decision of the Assessment Sub-Committee to take no further action in respect of an allegation that Councillor E Nicholas of West Felton Parish Council failed to comply with the Code of Conduct of the Parish Council.

A copy of the original Decision Notice is attached, and referred to in (i) above.

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 so-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

1. Decision Notices of Assessment Sub-Committee.