

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** 20 JANUARY 2020

**TITLE OF REPORT** UPDATE - COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS

**Report of:** Monitoring Officer

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform members of the cases relating to the Members' Code of Conduct considered by the Monitoring Officer in 2018/19, attached at Appendix I.

**2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the information at Appendix I be noted.

**3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Independent Persons, considered complaints against Hart District Councillors and Parish/Town Councillors.

3.2 It should be noted, the Localism Act gives the Monitoring Officer no direct authority over the actions of a Parish or Town Council, with no remit to pass comment on the manner in which the Town or Parish Council chooses to conduct its business. The remit of the Monitoring Officer extends solely in dealing with complaints associated with allegations that individual members have breached the Town or Parish Council's adopted Code of Conduct, and in the case of the Councillors, make recommendation to the Parish or Town Council on how it might choose to proceed in light of any recommendations.

**4 CONCLUSION**

That the information be noted.

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**APPENDIX**

**Appendix I - Summary of Complaints**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Councillor / Parish</b>	<b>Complaint Summary &amp; Findings</b>
November 19	Cllr Neighbour	Disrespectful to another Councillor and member of the public at Cabinet. Finding - no further action as no public interest in investigating complaint brought by third party
November 19	Odiham Parish Councillors	Code of Conduct issues. Finding - no further action no breaches of Code of Conduct.
September 19	Cllr Davies	Social media issues. Finding - no further action as no public interest in investigating complaint brought by third party
August 19	CCH Group	Misuse of Council resources. Finding - no further action no breaches of Codes of Conduct.