

## Local Assessment Statistics

Appendix 1

Period <sup>1</sup>	Number of complaints assessed	Reviews conducted	No further action	Referred for other action	Referred for local investigation	Joint referred for local investigation / no further action	Joint no further action / referred for other action	Referred to Standards for England for investigation	Final determinations
<b>Total</b>	<b>123<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>15<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>33<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>3+4</sup></b>	<b>72<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>5</sup></b>

Nature of complaints	Number of complaints
Register of Members' Interests (failure to declare in full/failure to complete and return within required 28 days of adoption of the Code of Conduct)	2
Failure to treat others with respect	1
Acted in a manner which brought office/the Council into disrepute	4
Bullying / intimidation of Council officers	2
Combined brought office into disrepute / improper use of position / prevention of access to information to which a person is entitled by law	1
General inappropriate behaviour relating to actions at a meeting of the Council's Planning Committee	5
Inappropriate articles appearing in Parish Council newsletter	2
Disclosure of confidential information	2
Inappropriate remarks about another elected Member in local press	1
Various matters relating to inappropriate behaviour during meeting of the Full Council	87
Failure to declare prejudicial interest	5
Combined failure to declare prejudicial interest / failure to treat others with respect / brought Council into disrepute / improper use of position	1
Combined failure to failure treat others with respect / brought Council into disrepute / general inappropriate behaviour during a meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board	10

- 1 The statistics detailed cover the period since the introduction of local assessment in May 2008 to 19th March 2010 (the date of preparation of this report).
- 2 In 1 case the Monitoring Officer has used her discretion under Regulation 16(1)(a)(ii) of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 to refer a matter back to the Assessment Sub-Committee for reconsideration. This has been counted as 1 complaint for statistical purposes.
- 3 Of the 15 reviews conducted to date 13 have resulted in a decision of no further action with 2 matters being referred to the Monitoring Officer for other action.
- 4 Other action has been completed by one Subject Member and is currently due for completion by the Monitoring Officer on 2 parish-related matters.
- 5 The final determination of 1 of the complaints referred for local investigation has taken place. This resulted in a 2-month suspension, such suspension to cease on receipt of a suitable written apology from the Subject Member. Two further (related) complaints did not progress past the consideration meeting stage as the Standards Committee accepted the Investigating Officer's finding of no failure by the Subject Member to follow the Code of Conduct. All remaining investigations have yet to be concluded.
- 6 Of the 11 cases referred to Standards for England for investigation 5 have so far been accepted for investigation. The 5 investigations into these have been completed and in each case it was the Ethical Standards Officer's finding that there had been no failure on the part of the Subject Member to follow the Code of Conduct. Confirmation is currently awaited from Standards for England as to its acceptance of the remaining 6 cases.