

<b>Committee :</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>30 June 2014</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Allegations against members</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Action:</b>	<b>For Information</b>

## **1. Background**

The purpose of this report is to present information to the Committee regarding formal complaints made against members. The report is based on information received from the Ombudsman and the case references are his.

## **2. Complaints**

### **2.1 Case No.201300346**

**Date received:** 23/04/13

#### **Complaint**

That a county councillor had secretly filmed and recorded a conversation and then put it on his Facebook page.

#### **Decision**

Referred to the Standards Committee.

### **2.2 Case No.201301307**

**Date received:** 06/06/13

#### **Complaint**

That a county councillor had behaved in a threatening manner towards the complainant.

#### **Decision**

Referred to the Standards Committee.

### **2.3 Case No. 4414/201301916**

**Date received:** (arose from investigation into 2.1 above)

#### **Complaint**

The Ombudsman has decided to investigate matters that came to his attention as part of the investigation into another complaint against the councillor (para 2.1 above):

- Bringing his office as councillor or the authority into disrepute
- Conflict between the councillor's business interests and his role as councillor and misuse of his position as councillor
- Attending a meeting where a conflict of interests could arise ,contrary to the Monitoring Officer's advice
- Behaviour towards member of the public contrary to Code of Conduct

#### **Decision**

Investigation continuing.

### **2.4 Case No. 201301629**

**Date received:** 17/06/13

#### **Complaint**

That a town councillor had failed to declare an interest at a meeting of the council.

#### **Decision**

Referred to the Standards Committee

### **2.5 Case No. 6141/201400682**

**Date received:** 29/04/14

#### **Complaint**

Complaint by a fellow- member that a town councillor had been persistently negatively critical of the clerk's performance.

#### **Decision**

No investigation. The member was entitled to complain if he believed that the performance of an employee fell below the required standard.

## **2.6 Case No. 6141/201400694**

**Date received:** 29/04/14

### **Complaint**

Complaint by a fellow- member that a town councillor had used his position for financial gain.

### **Decision**

Considering whether to investigate

## **2.7 Case No. 6180/201400801**

**Date received:** 15/05/14

### **Complaint**

Complaint by a member of the public that a county councillor denied using particular words in a conversation.

### **Decision**

Considering whether to investigate

## **2.8 Case No. 6397/201401427**

**Date received:** 02/06/14

### **Complaint**

Complaint by a member of the public that a town councillor had acted in a rude manner.

### **Decision**

Considering whether to investigate

## **3. Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to note the information.