

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
25 SEPTEMBER
REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE
REFERRAL OF COMPLAINT TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is to advise the Committee on the number of complaints received by the Council in relation to breaches in Code of Conduct since the local filtering regime was put in place in Spring 2008.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The Standards Committee note the contents of the report.

3. Conclusions and Reason(s) for the Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Details of complaints received.

Since the receipt of complaints against district and parish / town councillors commenced with the district Council in spring this year, six complaints have been received. They have been dealt with as follows:

- 1) One complaint against an individual who was not at the time an elected councillor – this was considered to be outside of the Council's / Committee's jurisdiction and was not progressed further.
- 2) One complaint against a parish / town councillor – this was not referred by Standards Sub-Committee (Initial Assessment Panel) for investigation as there was insufficient information.
- 3) One complaint has been received in relation to a district councillor – the Standards Sub-Committee (Initial Assessment Panel) considered that the matter should be investigated. The investigator's report is due to be received in October 2008.
- 4) Two complaints (on the same facts) have been received in relation to a town / parish council matter – one has been referred by the Standards Sub-Committee (Initial Assessment Panel) for investigation. No date has yet been set as to the conclusion of the investigation as the referrals were received in the last few weeks. The other is to be reported to the IAP in the next week.

- 5) One complaint against a District Councillor will be presented to the IAP as soon as possible.