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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>              | <b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>                               | <b>AGENDA ITEM: 8</b>         |
| <b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>        | <b>18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008</b>                     | <b>CATEGORY: DELEGATED</b>    |
| <b>REPORT FROM:</b>            | <b>MONITORING OFFICER</b>                                | <b>OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A</b> |
| <b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b> | <b>NEIL BETTERIDGE (595895)</b>                          | <b>DOC:</b>                   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                | <b>SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS TO STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEES</b> | <b>REF:</b>                   |
| <b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>       | <b>ALL</b>   |                               |

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## **1.0 Reason for Exempt**

1.1 Not applicable.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 That the summary of complaints considered by the Standards Sub-Committees be noted.

## **3.0 Purpose of Report**

3.1 To consider a summary of the complaints considered by the Standards Sub-Committees under the new Local Assessment regime.

## **4.0 Detail**

4.1 Members of the Committee are reminded that the Local Assessment regime introduced by The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 relating to the assessment of complaints has been operative since 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008. A summary of the complaints received is attached at Annexe 'A'. Details of the complainant and the subject Members have been omitted.

4.2 Regulation 8(5) requires a Sub-Committee to produce a summary in writing of its consideration of an allegation or review of a decision. The written summary must:-

- record the main points considered, the conclusions as regards the allegation or review of the decision and the reasons for that conclusion;
- be prepared having regard to any relevant guidance issued by the Standards Board;
- be available for inspection by members of the public at the offices of the authority for a period of six years beginning with the date of the meeting; and
- be given to any parish council of which any Member who is the subject of an allegation referred to in the written summary is a Member.

4.3 Ongoing reports will be submitted to the Committee on further complaints received.

## **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 It is a statutory requirement for the Standards Committee to assess allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct locally, for District Council members and also Parish Council members.

## **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 The Council's Standards Committee plays a vital role in promoting and maintaining the highest standards of conduct by Councillors of South Derbyshire District Council and all the Parishes in its area.

## **7.0 Background Papers**

7.1 None