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**REPORT TO: STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM: 5**

**DATE OF MEETING: 24TH APRIL 2013 CATEGORY: DELEGATED**

**REPORT FROM: MONITORING OFFICER OPEN**

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**SUBJECT: NEW STANDARDS REGIME - PROGRESS REPORT REF:**

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**WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL**

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## **1.0 Reason for Exempt**

1.1 Not applicable.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 That the summary of complaints considered by the Monitoring Officer and Independent Persons be noted.

## **3.0 Purpose of Report**

3.1 To consider a summary of the complaints considered by the Monitoring Officer and Independent Persons under the new Standards Regime as implemented by the Localism Act 2011.

## **4.0 Detail**

4.1 The Localism Act 2011 made fundamental changes to the system of regulation of Standards of Conduct for Elected and Co-opted Members. The date for implementation of these changes was confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

4.2 The report at Annexe A summarises the complaints made since the introduction of the new standards regime and actions taken by the Monitoring Officer. The Localism Act 2011 requires the Monitoring Officer to prepare periodic reports to the Standards Committee to advise of the investigations carried out and decisions made on complaints against District and Parish Councillors.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 None arising from this report.

## **6.0 Corporate Implications**

6.1 It is a requirement for the Monitoring Officer to report to the Standards Committee with a summary of the investigations undertaken.

## **7.0 Community Implications**

7.1 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.

## **8.0 Background Papers**

8.1 None.