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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