

**Update on Assessment of Complaints**

**Report of the Head of Law and Governance**

1. Under the arrangements agreed by the Council, the Head of Law and Governance has delegated authority to assess complaints about members' conduct, in consultation with the Independent Persons, in order to determine whether or not they should be referred for investigation and is required to report the outcome of those assessments to the Standards Committee, for information.
2. A complaint was received from a member of the public, to the effect that in a public forum, a councillor accused them of harassment. In consultation with the Independent Persons, the Head of Law and Governance decided that no further action should be taken. It was not considered that the conduct complained about, if proven, would amount to a breach of the code of conduct and in any event, the alleged conduct was of a trivial nature which did not warrant the expense of an investigation.
3. The Independent Persons were also of the view that the matter did not warrant investigation.

**Recommendation**

That the Committee notes the report

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report