

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 6TH OCTOBER 2011 – SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS

REF	SUBJECT MEMBER	COMPLAINANT	DATE OF COMPLAINT	DATE OF ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE	SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT	OUTCOME
1/11	(Former) City Councillor	Member of the Public	8/4/11	21/4/11	Bringing office or authority into disrepute, and using position as a member improperly to confer or secure an advantage or disadvantage	Referred for investigation. Investigating Officer's report considered by Assessment Sub-Committee 24th August 2011. Finding of "no breach" accepted by the Sub-Committee
2/11	(Former) City Councillor	Member of the Public	11/4/11	21/4/11	Manner in which the councillor dealt with a matter raised by a ward resident, failing to treat with respect	No action. A request for review was considered by the Review Sub-Committee on the 8th June. Original decision upheld – no action
3/11	Two City Councillors (one former)	City Councillor	19/4/11	21/4/11	Failure to declare personal or prejudicial interest, and failing to act appropriately in relation to a prejudicial interest	Referred for investigation. Monitoring Officer referred the complaint back to the Assessment Sub-Committee on the 27th June 2011 in the light of the threat of judicial review proceedings in respect of the Planning Committee decision that was the subject of the complaint. In view of possible conflict of interest if the Standards complaint were investigated locally, Assessment Sub-Committee referred the complaint to Standards for England. SfE accepted the referral but decided to take no further action, on the basis that there was no personal or prejudicial interest.
4/11	Two Morecambe Town Councillors	Member of the Public	10/6/11	15/6/11	Failing to treat with respect, bullying, bringing office or authority into disrepute	Referred for investigation. However, in the light of concerns of the investigating officer that conflicting evidence meant that it would be impossible to make findings of fact, Monitoring Officer referred the complaint back to the

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						Assessment Sub-Committee on the 22nd July. Sub-Committee referred it to the Monitoring Officer for "other action", which is ongoing.
5/11	Morecambe Town Councillor	Two Morecambe Town Councillors	27/6/11	22/7/11	Failing to treat with respect, bullying, bringing office or authority into disrepute	No action. No request for review.