

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS

1st October 2009

### Report of the Monitoring Officer

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Committee with a summary of complaints of alleged breach of the Code of Conduct received or finalised since April 2009, and the outcome of those complaints.

**This report is public**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the report be noted

##### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 A summary of complaints received since May 2008 was presented to the Committee at its meeting on the 9th April 2009. The Committee's work programme provides for the Committee to receive information about the number of complaints received and their outcome at six monthly intervals.

##### 2.0 Details

2.1 The attached table summarises the one complaint that had not been finalised at the time of the April meeting, and the one further complaint that has been received since.

2.2 As Members will be aware, when a complaint is considered by the Assessment Sub-Committee, the options available are to refer the matter to the Monitoring Officer for investigation or other action, to refer the matter to the Standards Board for England, or to decide that no action should be taken.

2.3 Members will note that the most recent complaint was the first to be referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation. At the time of writing this report, the investigating officer was awaiting comments on her draft report.

##### 3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 There has been no consultation.

#### 4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

4.1 The overview of complaints is for noting.

#### **CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)**

None arising from this report.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None directly arising from this report.

#### **SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None directly arising from this report.

#### **MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer in her capacity as adviser to the Standards Committee.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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