## Agenda item 6

## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT COMPLAINTS 16 NOVEMBER 2017**

The following alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct are either currently being dealt with under the Council's complaints process or have been concluded since the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 22 June 2017.

Ref No	Complainant	Subject Member	Category of Complaint	Progress/Outcome
2016/18	A Parish/Town Councillor Supersedes complaint Ref 2015/07(ii)	A Parish/Town Councillor	Inappropriate comments and behaviour at Council meetings, in emails and to the press.	This is a complex matter, involving a number of issues, dating back to 2015. The Monitoring Officer and an Independent Member have met with both the complainant and the subject member and have attempted to resolve the complaint informally. At the last meeting of the Standards Committee it was reported that the subject member had agreed to make an apology which it was hoped would enable a working relationship to be re-established and behaviours at meetings to improve. However, the subject member has not made the requested apology.  A Standards Committee Hearing is therefore currently being arranged.

Ref No	Complainant	Subject Member	Category of Complaint	Progress/Outcome
2017/01	4 Wyre BC Councillors	A Wyre Councillor	Making incorrect statements with regard to scrutiny meetings and failing to correct them when given the opportunity to do so.  "Disrespect for the Council's Corporate Values. Failure to comply with the principles - selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. Failure to maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics."	The Monitoring Officer wrote to the subject member on 26/5/17 confirming, on the basis of the information considered and the discussions held, the actions which she proposed should be taken, as reported at the last meeting of the Standards Committee.  A mechanism to resolve the issues raised in the complaint has subsequently been found and actioned.
2017/04	4 Wyre Councillors	A Wyre Councillor	Inappropriate comments and bad language at a Committee meeting.	The Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person met with the subject Member to discuss the issues raised in the complaint.  The Monitoring Officer and the Independent Person requested that, to resolve the complaint, an apology be made.  However, the subject member has declined to make the requested apology.  A Standards Committee Hearing is therefore currently arranged.

Ref No	Complainant	Subject Member	Category of Complaint	Progress/Outcome
2017/05	2 Wyre Councillors	A Wyre Councillor	Failure to properly register pecuniary interests.	Preliminary tests considered by the Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person.
				Monitoring Officer investigating further to establish whether or not there has potentially been a breach of the Code.
2017/06	2 Wyre Councillors	A Wyre Councillor	Failure to properly register pecuniary interests.	Preliminary tests considered by the Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person.  Monitoring Officer investigating further to establish whether or not there has potentially been a breach of the Code.
2017/07	2 Wyre Councillors	A Wyre Councillor	Failure to have regard to the principles of the Code of Conduct (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership) and to maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics - if allegations made by a third party about the behaviour of the subject member were found to be true.	Preliminary tests considered by the Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person.  Subject Member not considered to be acting as a Councillor when the alleged behaviour took place, so not within the remit of the Standards regime.  No further action to be taken.

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2017/08	2 Wyre Councillors	A Wyre Councillor	Failure to have regard to the principles of the Code of Conduct (selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership) and to maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics - if allegations made by a third party about the behaviour of the subject member were found to be true.	Preliminary tests considered by the Monitoring Officer and an Independent Person.  Subject Member not considered to be acting as a Councillor when the alleged behaviour took place, so not within the remit of the Standards regime.  No further action to be taken.

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