

Supplementary Report to Standards Committee 5 November 2015

UPDATED SUMMARY OF CURRENT COMPLAINTS

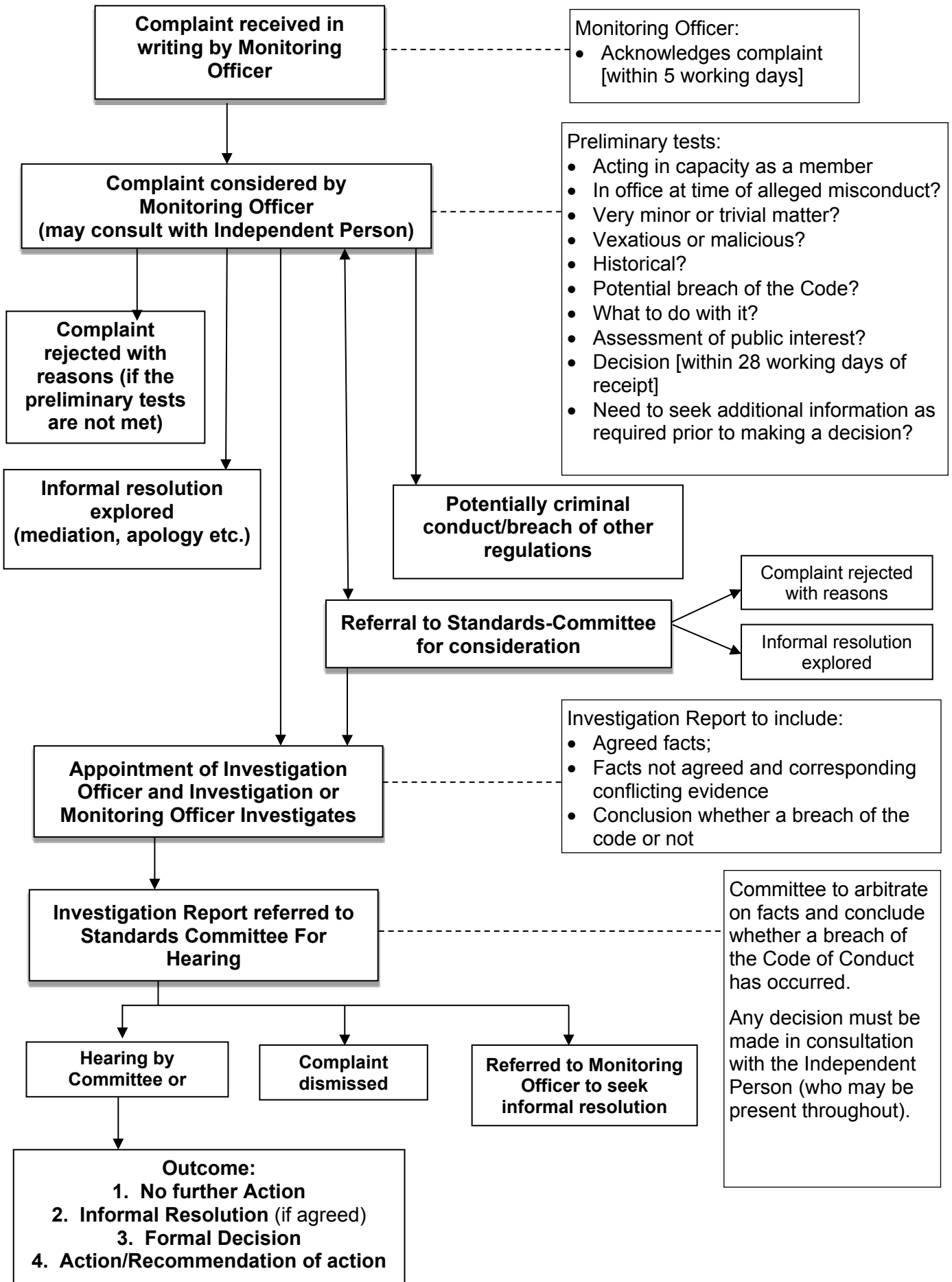
The following alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct are currently being dealt with under the Council's complaints process or have been concluded since the last report to the Standards Committee. (Including 2 additional complaints received since the agenda for this meeting was printed)

Ref No	Complainant	Subject Member	Category of Complaint	Progress/Outcome
2015/05	A Parish/Town Councillor	A Parish/Town Councillor	<p>Inappropriate actions when chairing an item about a planning application at a Town Council meeting.</p> <p><i>(Failure to act with integrity and to promote and support high standards of conduct).</i></p>	<p>The Monitoring Officer considered the preliminary tests (with prospective IP) and concluded that the allegations, if correct, could potentially amount to a minor breach of the Code of Conduct. However, having interviewed the subject Member, he established that procedures followed had been reasonable and that there had been no intention to cause personal offence to the complainant. The Monitoring Officer concluded that there was insufficient evidence to decide that there had been a breach of the Code.</p> <p>No further action is therefore to be taken.</p>
2015/06	A Parish/Town Councillor	A Parish/Town Councillor	<p>Inappropriate comments and behaviour when considering the possible appointment of co-opted members to the Council.</p> <p><i>(Failure to comply with public duty to make all appointments on merit and failure to promote and support high standards of conduct)</i></p>	<p>The Monitoring Officer considered the preliminary tests (with prospective IP) and concluded that the allegations, if correct, could potentially amount to a breach of the Code of Conduct. However, having interviewed the subject Member, there is clearly a difference of view about the events which were the subject of the complaint. It appears that there may also have been an historical disagreement between the complainant and the subject member. The Monitoring Officer concluded that there was insufficient evidence to decide that there had been a breach of the Code.</p> <p>No further action is therefore to be taken.</p>

2015/07	A Parish/Town Councillor	A Parish/Town Councillor	Inappropriate comments and behaviour at a Council meeting. <i>(Failure to act with integrity and to promote and support high standards of conduct).</i>	Receipt acknowledged. Preliminary tests to be considered by the Monitoring Officer and the Independent Person on 9 November under the first stage of the complaints procedure.
2015/08	A member of the public.	A Parish/Town Councillor	Failure to follow appropriate administrative procedures/governance arrangements. <i>(Failure to comply with requirement to be as open as possible about decisions and actions)</i>	Receipt acknowledged. Preliminary tests to be considered by the Monitoring Officer and the Independent Person on 9 November under the first stage of the complaints procedure.

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Complaints Procedure Flowchart



The Monitoring Officer will submit summary information on each complaint to each scheduled meeting of the standards Committee.