Report 08

Body:	**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
Date:	**MONDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 2011**
Subject:	**MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS OF MEMBER MISCONDUCT**
Report Of:	**LAWYER TO THE COUNCIL AND MONITORING OFFICER**
Ward(s)	All
Purpose	To update the Committee as to the alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct which have been received in the final quarter of 2010.
Recommendation:	That the information contained in this report be noted.
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1.0 Background

1.1 The Committee is aware of its responsibility to take a lead on matters relating to standards in this authority. With this in mind the Committee requested at its meeting on 25th January, 2010 that it be appraised quarterly (rather than annually) regarding complaints of member misconduct that had been received in and how they are being dealt with.

2.0 Matters referred to the Chair of the Standards Committee, care of the Monitoring Officer, for initial assessment

2.1 Members will note that there is no appendix attached to this report. This is because no complaints were received in during the fourth quarter of 2010.

2.2 Members should further note that the two cases referred to in the appendix attached to the report of Monday, 18th October, 2010 are also at an end.

2.3 No other complaints which fell to be dealt with under the local procedure for assessment of complaints had been received in during this quarter.

2.4 The Committee should be aware that whilst other matters may have been raised with the Monitoring Officer during this quarter they have not referred to here as they have not been the subject of a formal complaint.

3.0 Consultation

3.1 None.

4.0 Resource Implications

4.1 Financial

None.

4.2 Staffing

None.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 This report furnishes the Committee with an update regarding the status of those investigations that have been received in and have been dealt with under the procedures for the local assessment of complaints.

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Background Papers:

None.

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