

Name of meeting and date: Standards Committee / 2 June 2009

Title of report: Monitoring Officer update on complaints, both locally and nationally

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	N/A
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	Corporate

Electoral wards affected and ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To update members on complaints made to Kirklees Council Standards Committee and progress with them. Also to provide information to members on national statistics on the number and composition of complaints, as published by the Standards Board for England.

2. Key points

The process of local determination of complaints has now been running for twelve months, and the Monitoring Officer has updated members verbally at each meeting on the progress on complaints made to it. Set out below is the latest update on Kirklees complaints. Also attached are figures prepared by the Standards Board for England from its quarterly returns, which give useful information and a summary of the number and type of complaints made nationally.

3. Implications for the Council

It is important that the Standards Committee are kept up-to-date on progress of all complaints, so they can ensure that they are being dealt with in an appropriate and timely manner.

4. Consultees and their opinions

N/A

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the Committee consider both the local figures and also the figures produced by the Standards Board for England, consider any issues arising from them, and make any recommendations to the Monitoring Officer as appropriate.

6. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

N/A

7. Next steps

The Monitoring Officer will continue to provide an update of complaints at each Standards Committee meeting.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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Standards Board for England Quarterly Statistics

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST MEMBERS FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD MAY 2008 TO MAY 2009

Total complaints made	20
Number of complaints made by members of the public.....	13
Number of complaints made by members of Kirklees Council	6
Number of complaints made by parish or town council members	1
Number of complaints made against members of Kirklees Council.....	18
Number of complaints made against parish or town council members.....	2
Number referred for investigation	11
(5 investigation reports are completed and almost ready for consideration hearings)	