

Meeting:	Standards Committee
Date:	11 September 2007
Subject:	Review of Complaints
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart Director of Legal & Governance Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Chris Mote
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report outlines the number of complaints made to the Standards Board for England and to the Monitoring Officer between August 2006 and August 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To note the report.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

1. In September 2006, this committee considered a report on the number of allegations submitted to the Standards Board for England. It was agreed that the Committee would be provided with an annual summary of complaints against councillors.

2. In March 2007 Council resolved to adopt a Protocol for dealing with complaints.
3. This report sets out the number of complaints made to the Standards Board for England and investigations carried out on behalf of the Monitoring Officer.
4. Between August 2006 and August 2007, three allegations were made to the Standards Board about Harrow Councillors. The outcome was that these allegations should not be investigated. Members are asked to also note that no sanctions were recommended against any Harrow councillor during this period.
5. Between March 2007 and August 2007, three allegations were made to the Monitoring Officer. The outcome was that the members concerned were advised about their future conduct.

There are no legal implication or direct financial implications arising from this report.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Name: Barry Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 31 August 2007		
Name: Hugh Peart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring Officer
Date: 31 August 2007		

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers: Report to Standards Committee 19 September 2006

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES/ NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES/ NO
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	N/A