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# Report to Standards Committee

Agenda  
Item:

**A.2**

Meeting Date: 31 March 2017  
Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources  
Key Decision: Not Applicable:  
Within Policy and Budget Framework YES  
Public / Private Public

Title: Standards Activity Report 2016/17  
Report of: Corporate Director of Governance & Regulatory Services  
Report Number: GD.15/17

**Purpose / Summary:**

The Report provides Members with an update as regards Standards activity during the period 2016/17.

**Recommendations:**

That the Standards Committee note the Report.

**Tracking**

Standards Committee	31 March 2017
Council:	

## **1. TRAINING UPDATE**

- 1.1 All newly elected Members have received training on the Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 In addition, it is beneficial for other Members to also have refresher training available to them should they wish to undertake it. To this end, refresher training has been organised to take place before the informal Council session on 13 June 2017.

## **2. CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE**

- 2.1 We have received two code of conduct complaints, one relating to a Parish Councillor and the other in respect of a City Councillor.
- 2.2 The complaint relating to the Parish Councillor was reviewed by the Monitoring Officer, the Chair of the Standards Committee and the Independent Person and was deemed sufficient to be progressed to a formal investigation. This has been concluded and, at the time of writing, the matter is felt suitable for local resolution. If this is not possible then the matter will be referred for a formal hearing before the Standards Committee.
- 2.3 The complaint relating to the City Councillor was considered by the Monitoring Officer, the Chair of the Standards Committee and the Independent Person. It was deemed not to reach the threshold to warrant a formal investigation.

## **3. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES**

- 3.1 The Code of Conduct regime contributes to the proper, transparent running of the authority; factors which assist us in delivering our local plan priorities.

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**Note:** in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None.

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:**

**Chief Executive's - None**

**Deputy Chief Executive – None**

**Economic Development – None**

**Governance – Governance report.**

**Local Environment – None.**

**Resources – None.**