

# North Somerset Council

## REPORT TO THE STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE

**DATE OF MEETING: 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**SUBJECT OF REPORT: COMPLAINTS AGAINST THREE COUNCILLORS**

**TOWN OR PARISH: NO**

**OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: DEPUTY HEAD OF LEGAL AND  
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) that the Sub Committee together with the Independent Member consider the complaints and
- ii) that the Sub Committee determine whether there has been a breach of the North Somerset Council Code of Conduct by the said Councillors.

## 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

Four complaints have been received from members of the public regarding three North Somerset Councillors stating that the councillors have breached the North Somerset Council Code of Conduct applicable to councillors.

## 2. POLICY

North Somerset Council Code of Conduct for Councillors contains information on how a councillor should behave when conducting business as a councillor.

## 3. DETAILS

Four complaints have been received from members of the public about three North Somerset Councillors. The Code of Conduct is attached at Appendix 1.

The complaints can be found at Exempt Appendices 2 to 5 inclusive.

The councillors who are the subject of the complaints were informed of the allegations and they responded in writing and this can be found at Exempt Appendices 6 to 8 inclusive.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

The councillors have been informed about the complaints.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

None

#### **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **8. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

To uphold the Councillors' Code of Conduct

#### **9. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The options as to whether there is a breach of the code will be considered by the Sub Committee

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