

STANDARDS AND ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

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| DATE | 15 th July 2026 |
| REPORT OF | Monitoring Officer |
| SUBJECT | Annual Standards and Adjudication Committee Report |
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CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

Good governance arrangements and ethical standards contribute directly to the achievement of the Council's strategic aims.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Annual Standards and Adjudication Committee report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the annual report be approved.

REASONS FOR DECISION

Production of an annual report promotes transparency of the Council's standards arrangements.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 This report presents the latest annual report of the Standards and Adjudication Committee. In addition to general information about the committee, it provides an overview of the committee's work on handling complaints alleging breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct.
- 1.2 The annual report presents an opportunity for the committee to reflect on its work and to consider any further improvements to the local standards arrangements.

2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES

The annual report provides an opportunity to promote the good governance and high standard of ethical behaviour in place in North East Lincolnshire. There is the risk of loss of credibility of the Council if these standards fall.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

Setting high ethical standards is an important building block for councils in developing their community leadership role and achieving the Council's objectives. Robust standards arrangements are needed to safeguard local democracy, maintain high standards of conduct, and to protect ethical practice in local government.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial considerations arising from the content of the annual report.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications for children and young people arising from the recommendations in this report.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURE RECOVERY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct climate change and environmental implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND MARMOT IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct public health, health inequalities and Marmot implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As set out in the main body of the report.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no human resources implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

All wards are affected.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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