

Standards Committee Annual Report

12 July 2016 to 12 July 2017

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

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This is the annual report of the Standards Committee for 2016/17.

The Standards Committee seeks to promote and maintain high standards of conduct across the council. In order to achieve this the committee advises the council on the adoption of a Code of Conduct, monitors the effectiveness of the current code and determines any exemptions.

These are permissions to allow councillors to speak and vote at a meeting when they have an interest. The Committee also manages

complaints alleging a councillor may have breached the Code of Conduct.

Since the last annual report there has been one complaint. This represents a significant decrease compared to the 13 complaints during 2015/16.

During 2016/17 the Standards Committee carried out a major review of the arrangements for dealing with councillor complaints. The council agreed this new approach in July 2017 and these were published on the councils website.

Outcome	Complaints made 2016/2017
Not investigated	0
No breach of the Code	1
Breach of the Code	0
Informal settlement	0
Still under investigation	0

Looking to the year ahead

The Standards Committee is made up of four independent members, four Parish Council representatives and four borough councillors. These are:

Independent Members:

Liz Morris, Keith Bastin, Chris Evans, Peter Moore OBE

Parish Council representatives:

Cllr Jo Slimin, Cllr Leslie Fryer, Cllr Linda Agnew, one vacant seat

Borough councillors:

Cllr Dan Putty, Cllr Michael Westbrook, Cllr Stuart Parker, one vacant seat

More information about the Code of Conduct, the complaints process and a complaint form are available on the council's website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk



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