**Agenda Item No 8**

### EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

**Report to:** Standards Committee

15 July 2015

**Wards:** All

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| **Summary of Complaints not put before the Standards Committee Assessment**  **Sub-Committee between 1 May 2014 and 30 April 2015** |

Report of the Monitoring Officer

A. **Executive Summary**

On 26 November 2013 the Committee authorised the Monitoring Officer to filter out complaints in two circumstances:- where it is clear that a Member was not acting in their official capacity at the time the alleged conduct occurred, and/or where the conduct complained of was a repetition or continuation of a situation or a set of circumstances relating to the same Council that the Assessment Sub-Committee had previously considered and had determined that no action should be taken on.

The Committee, however, requested that an annual report be submitted to it detailing such complaints, and also those complaints which were not put before the Assessment Sub-Committee because they did not fall within its legal jurisdiction.

On 1 July 2014 the Committee additionally delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to take into account the combined age and seriousness of complaints in determining whether they should be submitted to the Assessment Sub-Committee.

B. **Corporate Priorities 2011-15**

Reducing costs, raising performance

C. **Portfolio**

Council Corporate Service and Performance

D. **Recommendation**

That the Standards Committee notes those complaints received that are not within the   
Sub-Committee’s jurisdiction or have been filtered out by the Monitoring Officer for the period 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015.

1. **Background**

* 1. On 26 November 2013 the Committee gave consideration to the assessment criteria, the process and procedures for dealing with complaints, and the procedure for Standards Committee Hearings (Minute 511 refers).
  2. As part of the review referred to above, the Committee determined that the Monitoring Officer should be authorised to filter out complaints in two circumstances:- where a Councillor that was the subject of a complaint was clearly not acting in an official capacity at the time the alleged misconduct occurred, and/or where the conduct complained of was a repetition or continuation of a situation or a set of circumstances relating to the same Council which the Assessment Sub-Committee had previously considered and determined not to take any action on.

* 1. The Committee also requested that a report be submitted on an annual basis detailing the complaints which have not been put before the Assessment Sub-Committee for determination as they either did not fall within the Sub-Committee’s jurisdiction or they fell into one of the categories which the Committee determined could be filtered out by the Monitoring Officer.
  2. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015 12 complaints have been received but have not been referred to the Assessment Sub-Committee for consideration. The details of these complaints are contained within appendix 1.

2. **Conclusion**

2.1 The Committee is asked to note the details of those complaints not submitted by the Monitoring Officer to the Assessment Sub-Committee for the period 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2015.

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#### Background Papers

None