

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	N/a	29 th July 2019	
Title	UPDATE ON STANDARDS INVESTIGATION - DESBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL		

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

For Committee to note the contents of this report.

2. **INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Kettering Borough Council received a code of conduct complaint sent through the clerk to Desborough Town Council on 4 February 2019.
- 2.2 The complaint comprised of alleged breaches of the members' code of conduct by 5 town councillors.
- 2.3 Due to the pressure of work the Deputy Monitoring Officer could not deal with the complaint quickly.
- 2.4 He made an initial assessment on 23 May 2019 which made no findings at that stage due to incomplete information.
- 2.5 The initial assessment made recommendations for sustainable decision making and member conduct at the town council.
- 2.6 The complainant responded to the initial assessment with more information on 27 May 2019.
- 2.7 As there was no immediate relief from other work and no relevant expertise within the council the Deputy Monitoring Officer appointed an external Investigator on 8 July to :-
 - (a) Look into the conduct of the subject members and
 - (b) Make any necessary recommendations.
- 2.8 The Investigator's brief also included the need for a swift conclusion to this matter.

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- 2.9 The investigation should be concluded before the next sitting of this committee when a follow up report will be available.

3. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report

Background Papers:

None.

Previous Reports/Minutes:

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Date: 17th July 2019
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