

Number of Complaints Received in Financial Year 2014/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 Complaints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Hamsey Parish Council - 1 Newhaven Town Council - 1 Telscombe Town Council - 2 Seaford Town Council - 1 Newick Parish Council - 2 Lewes District Council - 1 Chailey Parish Council - 1 East Sussex County Council (ESCC)
Number of Complaints not progressed and reasons why	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 complaints did not progress and required no action by the Monitoring Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 complaint related to an incident which had taken place more than 12 months prior to the complaint and therefore in accordance with the Committee's own policy was deemed to be out of time. - 1 complaint related to a personal matter, unrelated to Councillor Conduct and was therefore outside the Monitoring Officer's remit. - 1 complaint concerned a planning matter and related to Parish Council decision making and procedures rather than individual Councillor Conduct and was therefore outside the Monitoring Officer's remit. - 1 Complaint related to an ESCC Councillor and was therefore outside the Monitoring Officer's

		remit.
<p>Number of Complaints considered by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the independent person</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 complaints were considered. Of these, two were the subject of formal investigations. One of the investigations was carried out by an external investigator while the other was carried out by the Monitoring Officer 	<p>1 Complaint related to allegations that Councillors had failed to abide by Council approved governance procedures, misused Council resources and had been disrespectful.</p> <p>This complaint was referred to an external investigator. The investigator's report recommended that the Monitoring Officer arrange specific training for the Clerk and Parish Councillors about good governance practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two complaints related to an allegation that Councillors had been rude and/or bullying and had shown a lack of respect. One complaint was the subject of a formal investigation by the Monitoring Officer who found there had not been a breach of the Code. The other was not sufficiently serious to warrant further action. - Three complaints alleged that Councillors had failed to make an appropriate declaration of interests in agenda items. The Monitoring

		Officer found each of these complaints to be unsubstantiated.
Number of Standards Panels held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 (This related to a Complaint received before the financial year of 2014/2015 began but that continued well into 2014/2015) - 	
Number of Standards Hearings held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 formal hearing. This related to the complaint considered by the Standards Panel (see immediately above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The outcome of the hearing was that the Councillor was found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct. The sanctions were as follows: - The Monitoring Officer was requested to publish the Panel's findings and to relay these to the councillor and the Town Council. - The Panel recommended that the Town Council arranged training as to the respective roles and responsibilities of Members and Officers. - The Panel also recommended that until an appropriate time and training had been received, the Town Council should remove the Councillor from all committees/sub-committees of the Council.
Cost to the District Council of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Complaints warranted action by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cost for two external

engaging investigator	an Independent Investigator	investigations was £12,463.20
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