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.
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:  Standards Advisory Ctte 7th May 2019

Date:  17th July 2019
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