

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 24  
APRIL 2024**



<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>STANDARDS AND ETHICS REPORT - QUARTER 4</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Elizabeth Warhurst Head of Legal and Support Services and Monitoring Officer	
<b>Background Papers</b>	None	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	There are no financial implications to be considered.	
	<b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	The report details the Council’s compliance with legislative requirements including Freedom of Information requests, Environmental Information Requests, and use of RIPA powers in the previous quarter.	
	<b>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	There are no staffing or corporate implications to be considered.	
	<b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:</b> Yes	
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To receive the figures for the local determination of complaints and the ethical indicators for Quarter 4 of 2023/24.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>THE REPORT BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.</b>	

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Standards and Ethics Report provides information in two categories: Local Determination of Complaints and Ethical Indicators.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	Our communities are safe, healthy, and connected
Policy Considerations:	N/a
Safeguarding:	Customers and the community are safeguarded in relation to modern slavery by having the ability to raise instances of concern, which must be looked into and referred to the national agencies where appropriate.
Equalities/Diversity:	N/a
Customer Impact:	None directly arising from the report. Details regarding the process for making an FOI request or making a complaint about a Councillor are on the Council's website.
Economic and Social Impact:	N/a
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon	N/a
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	N/a
Risks:	The Audit and Governance Committee assists the Council in fulfilling its duty under the Localism Act 2011 to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted Councillors of District and Parish Councils. Receiving regular reports on the statistics of councillor complaints enables the Committee to exercise oversight of this function and manage risks.
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