

ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Date response returned:	20th December 2022
Date received:	8th December 2022
Subject:	Financial Information, Members Complaints and Officers attending Board Meetings

1. Since 1st August 2021, how much financially has the Authority spent on legal advice for matters attributing to conduct and/or behaviours of Elected Member(s) and/or complaint(s) regarding Elected Member(s)

£8,550.00 + VAT

2. Since 1st August 2021, have any Officers of the Authority spent time dealing with any complaint from an Elected Member about another Elected Member?

- If so, how many complaints have been made?
- If so, how much time and resource has the Authority lost through Officers having to deal with these matters?
- When were the matters first recorded and when were they closed or resolved?

Yes – the Chief Executive/Clerk.

Two Members have submitted complaints relating to two other Members.

A quantitative amount of time is not available to be provided. A summary of the Chief Executive/Clerk's time given to dealing with the matter was not recorded.

The matters was first recorded on the 14th June 2022, and they were closed/resolved on Friday 9th December 2022.

3. Typically the Authority had 3 to 4 Officers present at Board Meetings to advise Members on matters at hand, since the 27th June 2022 only one Officer has been in attendance –

- Is this change related to the conduct of Elected Member(s)?
- If so, in response has any Member(s) committed to improve their conduct? And if so, has this been formally recorded in writing or through Minutes of an Authority meeting?

Yes, during the Ordinary Meeting of the Board held on the 27th June 2022, the then Acting Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board that only he would be attending any Board Meetings until he feels there is an acceptable improvement in relation to conduct.

Yes, the Board resolved to allow the Chief Executive/Clerk to draft new Standing Orders, and a Corporate Governance Principles and Code of Conduct Policy incorporating improvements relating to improved Member conduct. These measure were minuted during an Extra Ordinary Board Meeting of the Board held on Monday 26th September 2022, which were transferred into Staffing Minutes as the matter related to an Officer employed by the Authority.

Under the Authority's Standing Order 22.2 "Except that any question arising at a meeting of a Special Committee of the Authority, as to the appointment, promotion, dismissal, salary, superannuation, conditions of service, or conduct of any person employed by the Authority, shall not be the subject of a public minute ore report to be discussed in public unless and or until the Authority has otherwise determined".

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Approved by:	Mr R Phillips – Chief Executive/Clerk		

