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REPORT FOR:	Council		
MEETING DATE:	25 March 2013		
REPORT FROM:	City Manager		
REPORT TITLE:	Confidential Information Report – Statutory Code of Conduct - Elected Members		
FILE NAME:	F11/4816	RECORD NO:	AR13/5153

STRATEGIC PLAN SUB GOAL/S

6.1 A professional effective, efficient & customer focused organisation, responsive to the needs of the community.

PURPOSE

To advise Council that two complaints are currently being addressed under the Statutory Code of Conduct - Elected Members.

RECOMMENDATION

Council:

1. Receives and notes the report (AR13/5153) dated 4 March 2013, submitted by the City Manager concerning "Confidential Information Report – Statutory Code of Conduct – Elected Members".

BACKGROUND

Council has a Statutory Code of Conduct - Elected Members that outlines the standards that Elected Members need to have regard to and provides for complaints to be lodged where it is believed that these standards are not met.

DISCUSSION

Two complaints have recently been lodged in regard to the Code of Conduct - Elected Members and are currently being investigated. The Code requires that during investigations details are kept confidential and that Council be advised only of the fact that a complaint has been made. A final report of the investigations will be provided to Council in confidence for it to decide what course of action to then take.

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CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

It is considered that pursuant to **Section 90(3)(a) & (g) of the Act**, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this report:

- is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of the complainant.
- is information concerning matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the Council complies with its Statutory Code of Conduct-Elected Members.

It is considered necessary to discuss this report in confidence and that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances as the matter is confidential to the complainant and is required to be kept confidential by Council's policy.

It is recommended that the confidential provisions remain in force **until the Council decides the outcome following the consideration of the investigation report and reconsiders the on-going confidential status of the matter.**

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04/03/2013