

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
15/06/18

REVIEW OF CORPORATE WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the report

Reasons:

The subject matter of the report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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The remit of the Standards Committee includes the receipt of an annual report on the Council's Whistle Blowing Policy, with a view to;

1. The inclusion of relevant information within the Chairman's Annual Report to Full Council.
2. The setting of the policy for the forthcoming year.

Between the 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018 eight new whistle blowing complaints were received by the Council. This compares with nine new complaints in 2016/2017.

One complaint was carried over from 2016/2017 and six complaints have been carried over into 2017/2018.

Of the 3 complaints concluded during the year, all resulted in no further action being taken.

None of these complainants provided any feedback.

The corporate Whistle blowing Policy has been updated to reflect guidance issued by the Welsh Government on ethical employment in supply chains. The draft revised policy is attached to this report for approval

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **L. Rees Jones** **Head of Administration and Law**

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder & Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
| NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **L. Rees Jones** **Head of Administration and Law**

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

- 1. Scrutiny Committee**
Not applicable
- 2. Local Member(s)**
Not applicable
- 3. Community / Town Council**
Not applicable
- 4. Relevant Partners**
Not applicable
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations**
Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
|-------------------|--------------|---|
| Legal file | DPSC-162 | Legal Services, County Hall |