

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
9/6/17

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 STANDARDS COMMITTEE 9/6/17

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The remit of the Standards Committee includes the receipt of an annual report upon the operation of the Council's Whistle Blowing Policy, with a view to the inclusion of relevant information within the Chairman's Annual Report to Full Council.

Between the 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017 three new whistle blowing complaints were received by the Council. This compares with nine new complaints in 2015/2016.

Three complaints were carried over from 2015/2016.

Details of these complaints, including outcome and feedback (where received) are set out in the attached table.

The Council has continued to take steps to raise staff awareness of the policy and ensure managers are fully trained to recognise whistle blowing complaints and deal with them properly.

The corporate Whistle blowing Policy has been updated to reflect organisational and personnel changes since the last review. The revised policy is attached to this report for approval.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

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: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and 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: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

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-153	Legal Services, County Hall
Legal file	CCCN-061	Legal Services, County Hall