

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**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  
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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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 three new whistle blowing complaints were received by the Council. This compares with 1 new complaint in 2013/2014.

These complaints were concluded as follows;

1. One was concluded following contact with the alleged complainant
2. One was investigated but no evidence was found to substantiate the complaint
3. One was investigated and resulted in a formal disciplinary investigation being undertaken.

No complaints were carried over from 2013/2014 and no complaints have been carried over into 2015/2016.

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.

Full details of these measures and a copy of the current policy, are set out in the attached report

**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: **Linda Rees Jones** **Head of Administration and Law**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

# 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

*(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-136	Legal Services, County Hall
Legal file	CCCN-061	Legal Services, County Hall