

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

14TH JUNE 2021

REVIEW OF WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY		
Recommendations / key decisions required: To note and approve the changes to the Policy		
Reasons: Officers have reviewed the policy and resolved to make some slight changes to improve processes and reflect recent practical experience.		
Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA		
Exec. Board Decision Required		NA
Council Decision Required		NA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Emlyn Dole - Leader		
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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REVIEW OF WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

Council officers have recently reviewed the Whistleblowing Policy and made slight changes aimed at improving processes and reflecting recent experiences.

A copy of the draft revised policy is attached showing the changes

These are as follows

- A new paragraph 20 dealing with whistleblowing complaints by employees of the Council's Local Authority Trading Companies. *(NB. If approved, this will cause subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly.*
- A change to the flowchart in Appendix A to provide that the feedback form is sent to whistle-blowers by the Contact Officer instead of the Monitoring Officer.
- A change to the Feedback form inserting email contact details for where it should be sent.

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: *LRJones*

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: *LRJones*

Head of Administration and Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** – not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** - not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** - it is suggested that such consultation take place
4. **Relevant Partners** - not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - not applicable

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED

NO

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal Services file	DPSC-187	County Hall, Carmarthen