

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**20/09/2021**

<b>REVIEW OF WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY</b>		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> To note and approve the proposals made by officers		
Reasons: As requested by the Committee officers have reviewed the position regarding the inclusion of the Chair of Standards Committee in the policy.		
Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA		
Cabinet Decision Required		NA
Council Decision Required		NA
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Emlyn Dole - Leader		
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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**REVIEW OF WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**

At the meeting of the Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> June, a revised whistleblowing policy was approved but committee members expressed concern that the Chair of the Committee was named in the Policy as a possible contact for whistleblowers and his personal contact details given.

Whilst this has been the position for at least 10 years officers agreed to review this practice and research what approach is taken by other authorities.

A study of the whistleblowing policies of neighbouring authorities shown that none of them includes the Chair of Standards Committee as a possible contact for whistleblowers. However it is felt that given the role that the Committee has in exercising oversight of the policy, it is important that the Chair of the committee is not removed completely.

Officers therefore suggest the Policy is amended in accordance with the attached draft, which seeks to make it clearer that the Chair of Standards would not act as a contact officer if approached by a whistleblower.

**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
<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: *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-190	County Hall, Carmarthen