

ADDENDUM TO ITEM 8
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING CODE (WHISTLEBLOWING) REVIEW²⁸
25 February 2014

TITLE OF ADDENDUM: UPDATED CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING CODE
(WHISTLEBLOWING) REVIEW

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

1. SUMMARY

1.1 A report to update the review of the Confidential Reporting Code in line with changes to the law that took effect last year and incorporate feedback from SMT colleagues within the draft Policy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Standards Committee consider, agree and endorse the minor amendments to the Confidential Reporting Policy and note that it is to be considered by JSCC and Finance Audit and Risk Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To ensure good governance within the Council.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None.

5. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

5.1 The Monitoring Officer has received feedback from SMT colleagues, and the comments are reflected in the updated draft Policy.

5.2 JSCC will receive the proposed policy on 26 March 2014.

5.3 Finance Audit and Risk Committee will also receive the report on 19 March 2014 as it monitors council policies on 'Raising Concerns at Work' and the anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategy, including the Whistleblowing Policy.

6. FORWARD PLAN

6.1 This report does not contain matters referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 This is referred to in the original Report.

8. ISSUES

8.1 This is referred to in the original Report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 This is referred to in the original Report.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 This is referred to in the original Report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 This is referred to in the original Report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

14.1 This is referred to in the original Report.

15. APPENDICES

15.1 Revised Appendix A – Updated Confidential Reporting Code for employees showing proposed amendments as tracked changes (**Note: for ease of reference, the track changes in the original version of Appendix A are shown in RED, and the additional track changes are shown in BLUE**).

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

17.1 None.