

STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - 30 NOVEMBER 2017

**REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH STANDARDS ALLEGATIONS UNDER
THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

Executive Summary

This report advises the Committee of a proposed review of the Council's Arrangements for Dealing with Standards Allegations under the Localism Act 2011.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RESOLVE That

The position regarding the proposed review of the Council's Arrangements for Dealing with Standards Allegations under the Localism Act 2011 be noted.

The Committee has authority to determine the above recommendations.

Background Papers:

The Council's Arrangements for Dealing with Standards Allegations under the Localism Act 2011

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Localism Act 2011, the Council must have “arrangements” under which allegations that a Member has failed to comply with the Members’ Code of Conduct can be investigated, and decisions made on such allegations.
- 1.2 The Council adopted “Arrangements for Dealing with Standards Allegations under the Localism Act 2011” (“Arrangements”) on 28 June 2012. These were amended on 24 October 2013. A copy of the Arrangements is appended to this report.

2.0 Review

- 2.1 It would be appropriate to review the Arrangements in the light of experience gained in investigating Standards allegations since 2012.
- 2.2 The Monitoring Officer proposes to consult with Group Leaders and the Council’s Independent Person before reporting to the next meeting of the Standards and Audit Committee (8 March 2018) with appropriate recommendations. Any changes to the Arrangements will need to be approved by Full Council.

3.0 Implications

Financial

- 3.1 None.

Human Resource/Training and Development

- 3.2 None.

Community Safety

- 3.3 None.

Risk Management

- 3.4 None.

Sustainability

- 3.5 None.

Equalities

- 3.6 None.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1 Advising the Committee of the proposed review of the Arrangements gives the Committee, and/or individual Committee Members, the opportunity to give its/their view on any points which should be considered as part of the review.

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