

Joint Standards Committee

23 November 2021

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Model Code Update – Review of Procedures

Summary

This report provides the Joint Standards Committee with Hoey Ainscough's update of their review of the current procedures in place to deal with Code of Conduct complaints.

Background

At the last Joint Standards Committee Meeting, the Committee decided to request that Hoey Ainscough Associates conduct a review of the current procedures in place to deal with Code of Conduct complaints. This review has now been conducted and Hoey Ainscough have drafted a procedure document which can be found in their procedure document at Annex A.

Paul Hoey and Natalie Ainscough will be present at the next Joint Standards Committee Meeting in order to discuss their report further with Members their procedure document. In order to assist Members, the report containing the current procedures from the September Joint Standards Committee meeting can be found at Annex B.

Implications

Financial

Not applicable to this report.

Human Resources (HR)

Not applicable to this report.

Equalities

The Equality Act 2010 places specific duties on Local Authorities. Having a clear and concise Code of Conduct and procedures which aid

the process and prohibits unlawful discrimination gives the public confidence in Members and the Council as a whole.

Legal

As detailed within the report.

Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property

Not applicable to this report.

Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the draft procedures and decide whether to recommend the same to Full Council for adoption and implementation to support the Model Code of Conduct.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s):

Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Annex A – Procedure Document

Annex B – September Joint Standards Committee Report with Current
Procedure Documents