

## **Joint Standards Committee**

**30 September 2020**

Report of the Monitoring Officer

### **Update on Whistleblowing Policy**

#### **Summary**

This report updates Members on the review of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy.

#### **Background**

Veritau conducted a review of the Council's Whistleblowing policy in 2018-2019. On 6 February 2019 the Head of Internal Audit at City of York Council asked the Audit and Governance Committee to consider a new draft policy. The document was being shared with the Committee for comment before being taken forward for approval. It was suggested that the views of the Joint Standards Committee should be sought, because a whistleblowing report may involve a Councillor.

The Joint Standards Committee convened a Task Group in order to discuss the draft policy and the Committee's views were fed back to Veritau. The policy was again considered by the Audit and Governance Committee on 4 December 2019. The views of the Joint Standards Committee were taken into account and minor amendments were made to the draft policy.

In January 2020, the draft policy was considered by the Council's Corporate Management Team who made some final amendments to the policy before the policy was approved by the Council's Interim Head of Paid Service. A copy of the policy, which has now been implemented by the Council, can be found at Annex A.

## Implications

### Financial

Not applicable to this report.

### Human Resources (HR)

Not applicable to this report.

### Equalities

None applicable to this report.

### Legal

As detailed within the report.

### Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property

Not applicable to this report.

## Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report.

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### Specialist Implications Officer(s):

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

All

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## **Background Papers:**

- **Annex A – Whistleblowing Policy**