

6 July 2021

## **Joint Standards Committee**

Report of the Monitoring Officer

### **Draft Annual report for 2020/2021**

#### **Summary**

This report provides the Joint Standards Committee with a finalised draft Annual Report for 2020/2021.

#### **Background**

It is good practice for the Monitoring Officer to prepare an Annual Report at the start of each municipal year, setting out work undertaken by the Joint Standards Committee during the previous year. The first draft of the annual report was discussed at the meeting of the Committee in March 2021 and Members resolved that any requests for additions to the draft report would be sent to the Chair, Vice Chair and Monitoring Officer.

The final breakdown of complaints received during the municipal year has now been calculated and the draft report is attached to this report at Annex A.

#### **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, and Members, including Members of the Joint Standards Committee who play a vital role in ensuring that equality issues are integral to the aims and performance of a Local Authority. Providing an Annual Report of work undertaken by the Committee, providing an overview of the Code of Conduct complaints received and reviewing the

procedures in place for such complaints ensures that all Members adhere to the principles of the Act.

### **Legal**

As detailed within the report.

### **Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property**

Not applicable to this report.

### **Recommendations**

Members are recommended to note the report and provide their views on the draft Report, ahead of it being presented to Full Council later in the year.

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**Report  
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**Date**

28 June 2021

#### **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 – Draft Annual Report 2020/2021**