

20 April 2023

Joint Standards Committee

Report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer

Annual report for Municipal Year 2022/2023

Summary

This report provides the Joint Standards Committee with a finalised draft Annual Report for 2022/2023.

Background

It is good practice for the Committee 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 final breakdown of complaints received during the municipal year has now been calculated to date and will be checked and finalised in May 2022 when the new municipal year commences. A draft of the annual report is attached 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. Author & Officer Responsible for the report:

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Specialist Implications Officer(s):

Wards Affected: List wards or tick box to indicate all

All X

For further information please contact the author of the report Background Papers:

• Annex A – Annual Report 2022/2023