

WHISTLEBLOWING: ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE POLICY & PROCEDURE

(Report by the Audit Manager)

1. ANNUAL REVIEW

- 1.1 The whistleblowing policy and guidance are reviewed annually to ensure they continue to be fit for purpose.
- 1.2 This year's review has been completed and no changes are necessary.
- 1.3 14 concerns have been received during the past year. Five did not relate to areas directly managed by the Council and were referred to the appropriate organisation. The other nine were fully investigated. Criminal proceedings are being considered against two members of the public for benefit fraud as a result.
- 1.4 The Panel are **recommended** to note that a review has been undertaken but that no changes are required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Whistleblowing Policy & Procedure
Whistleblowing allegations received

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