

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Title:** Whistleblowing concerns received  
**Meeting/Date:** Corporate Governance Panel – 29 January 2014  
**Executive Portfolio:** Resources: Councillor J A Gray  
**Report by:** Internal Audit Manager  
**Ward(s) affected:** All Wards

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**Executive Summary**

This report summarises the matters that have been received under the Council's whistleblowing policy during the 13 month period ending December 2013.

Employees' and customers have a number of ways to raise whistleblowing concerns. These include an internet form, a specific email address and a dedicated 24 hour telephone.

16 allegations have been received through the whistleblowing channels in the period (as compared to 32 in the year ending November 2102). They fall into the following categories:

- housing and council tax benefit (12)
- enforcement (1)
- social housing (1)
- employee matters (2)

12 of the concerns were made anonymously. All the concerns have been appropriately investigated.

One of the employee allegations was against a named individual, investigated and found unproven.

The second allegation was of a more general nature and referred to employees' car parking arrangements. This allegation was not investigated; senior managers were informed of the nature of the complaint and asked to deal with the matter.

**Financial implications**

There are no financial implications arising from the report

**Legal implications**

There are no legal implications arising from the report.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Panel note the report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Whistleblowing policy & procedure  
Whistleblowing allegations received

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