

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title: Whistleblowing concerns received
Meeting/Date: Corporate Governance Panel – 26 November 2014
Executive Portfolio: Resources: Councillor J A Gray
Report by: Internal Audit & Risk Manager
Ward(s) affected: All Wards

Executive Summary

This report summarises the matters that have been received under the Council's whistleblowing policy during the 10 month period ending October 2014.

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. 22 allegations have been received through the whistleblowing channels in the period (as compared to 16 for the thirteen month period ending December 2013). They fall into the following categories:

- housing and council tax benefit (15)
- enforcement (1)
- tenancy fraud (2)
- planning (1)
- personal social care (1)
- insurance claims (1)
- business rates (1)

15 of the concerns were made anonymously; none were considered to be malicious or vindictive. The allegation with regard to personal social care has been referred to the County Council. The remaining concerns have been appropriately investigated.

Financial and Legal implications

There are no direct financial or legal implications arising from the report

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Panel note the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Whistleblowing allegations received

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