

Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	20 March 2023
Title of Report:	Review of Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints Through the Code of Conduct
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the amendments to the Arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints.

The Localism Act 2011 Section 28(6) of the Act requires the Council to have in place arrangements under which allegations can be investigated and decisions on allegations can be made.

The Council's Code of Conduct (the Code) and arrangements were last reviewed and adopted by Full Council in March 2022. The appendix to this report details the proposed arrangements for dealing with complaints under the code.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Committee approve the amended arrangements for dealing with standards complaints.

Reasons:

To comply with Section 28 of the Localism Act.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None. The Authority is required to have in place arrangements for dealing with complaints under its current code of conduct.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The arrangements supports the Council's values through the promotion of good governance, maintaining public trust and, delivering the Council's ambitions to being democratic, responsible and fair.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None.

Financial Risks

None.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

None.

Appendices

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A	Arrangements for Dealing with Standards Complaints							

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Emma Jackman

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 16/03/2023