

Chichester District Council

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 24 November 2015

Public Interest Disclosures (Whistleblowing) Policy

1. Contacts

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2. Recommendation

The committee is requested to consider the Public Interest Disclosures (Whistleblowing) Policy and to recommend it to Cabinet for approval.

3. Main Report

- 3.1. The Public Interest Disclosures (Whistleblowing) Policy is reviewed annually by the Principal Auditor to ensure that it remains compliant with legislation and best practice and has been amended slightly. The updates are to the legislation section, post titles and the contacts list.
- 3.2. Any investigations required as a result of disclosures will be facilitated more easily by the appointment to Audit Services of a Corporate Counter Fraud Officer which has now been agreed.
- 3.3. To increase awareness of the Whistleblowing Policy, it will be further publicised to staff and to the public via the normal internal channels and on the council's website.
- 3.4. Cabinet on 1 December 2015 will be requested to approve the policy with any recommendations from this committee.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

- 4.1. Not Applicable

5. Alternatives that have been considered

- 5.1. Not Applicable

6. Resource and legal implications

- 6.1. Not Applicable

7. Consultation

- 7.1. Not Applicable

8. Community impact and corporate risks

8.1. Not Applicable

9. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder:		√
Climate Change:		√
Human Rights and Equality Impact:		√
Safeguarding:		√
Other (Please specify):		√

Comment [BJ1]: Tim think there will be HR~&E impacts? Can you list here.

10. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Whistleblowing Policy

11. Background Papers

None