

Accounts Audit and Risk Committee

Joint Whistle Blowing Policy

26 June 2013

Report of the Head of Finance and Procurement

PURPOSE OF REPORT

For members of this committee to consider a review of the joint Whistleblowing Policy for Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire Council which has resulted in some minor amendments to the policy.

This report is public

Recommendations

For members to consider the updated Joint Whistleblowing Policy contained at Appendix A of this report.

Executive Summary

In June 2012 members received a report outlining a new Joint Whistleblowing policy for both Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire. The policy aimed to link the whistleblowing policy to the councils overall strategic objectives.

The policy has now been reviewed and although it remains largely unchanged some minor changes have been made.

Firstly the policy now outlines the Public Interest Disclosure Act (1998) which offers protection to employees who report concerns from unfair treatment.

The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act received Royal Assent in April 2013 and introduces a Public Interest test requirement on whistleblowers. The policy outlines how this Act impacts on employees who have concerns to raise.

Implications

- Financial:** There are no implications arising from this report. Comments checked by Nicola Jackson, Corporate Finance Manager 01295 221731
- Legal:** There are no implications arising from this report. Comments checked by Nicola Jackson, Corporate Finance Manager 01295 221731
- Risk Management:** There are no implications arising from this report. Comments checked by Nicola Jackson, Corporate Finance Manager 01295 221731

Wards Affected

All

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Joint Whistle Blowing Policy
Background Papers	
n/a	
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