



Report to Audit and Governance Committee

Date:	22 June 2021
Title:	Whistleblowing Policy
Relevant councillor(s):	N/A
Author and/or contact officer:	Maggie Gibb, Head of Business Assurance (& Chief Auditor)
Ward(s) affected:	N/A
Recommendations:	To approve the Whistleblowing Policy
Reason for decision:	N/A

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the draft Whistleblowing Policy for approval.
- 1.2 The Whistleblowing Policy is owned by the Head of Business Assurance (& Chief Auditor) and is reviewed on an annual basis.
- 1.3 The updated policy has been presented to, and agreed by, the Audit Board (S151 Officer, Monitoring Officer and Director for Legal and Democratic Services).

2. Content of report

- 2.1 The policy has been reviewed and minor updates made such as to reflect changes in job titles, contact details and links to other documents/websites.
- 2.2 There has been one addition to the policy at section 4, How to Raise a Concern, bullet point 'e':
In the event that you wish to raise a concern which involves the Head of Business Assurance (& Chief Internal Auditor), Corporate Fraud Manager or one of the Business Assurance Team, your concerns should be raised with the Service Director

for Legal Services or the Monitoring Officer in the first instance to ensure that the appropriate process is followed.

3. Other options considered

3.1 N/A.

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1 None.

5. Corporate implications

5.1 None.

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

6.1 N/A

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 N/A.

8. Next steps and review

8.1 The Whistleblowing Policy is subject to review on an annual basis, with the next review scheduled for June 2022.

9. Background papers

9.1 Current Whistleblowing Policy:

<https://youandwork.buckscc.gov.uk/behaviour-at-work/whistleblowing>

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.