

Standards Committee

5 February 2016

Assessment of Code of Conduct Complaints



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Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on the work being undertaken by officers to identify the possible options for the future assessment of Code of Conduct Complaints.

Background

2. At the Standards Committee meeting held on 9 September 2015, Members agreed that a report should be presented at the next Standards Committee outlining the possible options for the future assessment of Code of Conduct complaints.

Current status of work being undertaken by officers

3. Officers are currently comparing the procedures for assessing complaints which are in place at other Councils in the region and nationally so that possible options may be presented to Standards Committee. Preliminary indications from the North East Monitoring Officer's Group are that most Councils do not have an assessment sub-committee and delegate the assessment of the complaint and subsequent decision to Legal Officers. A report detailing the possible options will be presented to Committee in May.

Recommendations and Reasons

4. Standards Committee are invited to note the content of this report.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity - None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation – See report

Procurement - None

Disability Discrimination Act - None

Legal Implications – None