

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to: Standards Committee

### Date: 31 August 2017

## ITEM 8

Title: Whistle-blowing  
Procedure for  
Members- Refresh

Report from Service Area: Law and Governance

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Head of Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

### PART 1

#### 1.1 Purpose:

To consider and approve a refreshed Whistle-blowing Procedure for Members.

#### 1.2 Recommendation(s):

The Committee is recommended to:

- a) note the report; and
- b) approve the Whistle-blowing Procedure for Members appended to the report.

#### 1.3 Information

The Standards Committee has within its Terms of Reference responsibility for the Whistle-blowing Policy for Members. The Authority's Whistle-blowing Policy for Members was last updated in October 2012.

The refreshed Procedure has been updated to reflect changes in the structure of the Authority and the external agencies the Government has prescribed are appropriate to be advised of a whistle-blowing issue where the initial response of the Authority is not considered by a Member to be appropriate.

Member comments on the refreshed Procedure would be welcomed.

#### 1.4 Appendices:

Whistle-blowing Procedure for Members – July 2017

#### 1.5 Contact officers:

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#### 1.6 Background information:

Whistle-blowing Procedure for Elected Members and the Elected Mayor – October 2012