

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE- 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

REPORT BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

CODE OF CONDUCT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

Purpose/Summary of Report

- A Code of Conduct complaint has been received where the complainant wishes to retain anonymity. This report is recommending that in line with procedure, the Performance Audit and Governance Oversight Committee agree to the formulation of an Assessment Standards Sub Committee to decide upon whether a complainant should retain anonymity in relation to the code of conduct complaint.

**RECOMMENDATION TO PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:**

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| (A) | To agree to the formulation of an assessment Standards Sub Committee comprising of 3 members to consider a complainant's wish to retain anonymity in relation to a Code of Conduct complaint. |
| (B) | |

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Within its terms of reference the Performance Audit and Governance Oversight Committee has a function “to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and Co-Opted Members of the authority”.
- 1.2 The Council has received a complaint regarding a Members Code of Conduct.
- 1.3 As part of the complaints process, the Council’s complaint form states that requests for confidentiality or requests for suppression of the person and complaint details will not automatically be granted. The Assessment Sub Committee will consider the request alongside the substance of the complaint.
- 1.4 It is therefore required that an assessment sub Committee is formed in order to consider whether anonymity should be granted in line with the complaints process.

2.0 Implications/Consultations

Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report are contained within **Essential Reference Paper A**.

Background Papers:

[Councillors Complaints Procedure](#)

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