



Report of: The Corporate Director of Finance and Resources.

Audit Committee	Date: 24th January 2017	Ward(s): N/A
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## THE APPENDIX TO THIS REPORT IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

### SUBJECT: Whistleblowing Report April 2016 to November 2016

#### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The report confirms that the Whistleblowing arrangements in place are effective and that reporting fraud is an integral part of the Council's Anti-Fraud Strategy going forward.
- 1.2 The report gives detail to the types of whistleblowing referral made and the quantities of referrals between April 2016 and November 2016. This is compared to the referrals made over the previous years.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Consider and comment on the contents of the report

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 Robust Whistleblowing arrangements are a key element of effective governance arrangements within the Council. They are a mechanism to "empower the honest majority" in the fight against fraud and corruption.

#### 4. Implications

##### Financial implications:

- 4.1 None arising from the content of this report

##### Legal Implications:

- 4.2 None arising from the content of this report

**Environmental Implications**

4.3 None

**Resident Impact Assessment:**

4.4 There are no direct Resident Impact Assessment implications arising from this report.

**5. Reasons for the recommendations / decision:**

5.1 The report presents the Council’s use of the Whistleblowing arrangements from April 2016 to November 2016.

5.2 The Council is obliged under the Public Interest Disclosure Act to maintain a Whistle-blowing Policy, designed to encourage staff, elected Members, contractors and the public to raise legitimate concerns about wrong-doing within the Council without fear of reprisal.



**Signed by** .....  
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**Appendices**

- Appendix A Exempt

**Background papers:**

- None

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