

MINUTE OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2014

32. WHISTLEBLOWING CODE

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Borough Solicitor and Borough Treasurer, as contained on pages 349 to 360 of the Book of Reports, updating the Council's Whistleblowing Code, attached as an Appendix.

The Borough Treasurer introduced the report, and responded to questions, highlighting the changes that were being proposed to ensure compliance following a change to the Public Disclosure Act 1998 and practice arrangements produced by the Whistleblowing Commission.

Questions and comments were raised in respect of the following:

- Mechanisms to ensure staff are aware of the updated Code.
- Legal protection for Whistleblowers (as introduced by the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998).

RESOLVED: That the updated Whistleblowing Code be endorsed.