

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE ON 3 DECEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: Review of Local Assessment Procedure

REPORT AUTHOR: Nicholas Bennett, Acting Monitoring Officer

DATE: December 2020

EXTN: via 37601

PORTFOLIO AREA: Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A review has been requested of the Local Assessment Procedure for complaints against Councillors under the Code of Conduct. This report seeks the Committee's views on the proposed changes and next steps for the review.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is requested to:

- a) To consider the proposed amendments to the Local Assessment Procedure, as reported by Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd; and
- b) To instruct Hoey Ainscough Associates to finalise a revised Local Assessment Procedure to be presented to the next meeting of Standards Committee for final approval.

1. BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 At their meeting on 24 September 2020, Committee were made aware of some anomalies within the current Procedure that needed addressing.
- 1.2 Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd (HAA) had been appointed to act on the Council's behalf with regards to Standards issues and were in attendance at the September meeting to advise on these matters.
- 1.3 HAA were asked to attend the next Committee meeting with a report on suggested amendments.
- 1.4 HAA have produced their report, attached as Appendix A, for Members to consider and discuss.

2. PROPOSAL(S):

- 2.1 To consider the proposed amendments to the Local Assessment Procedure, as reported by Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd

2.2 To instruct Hoey Ainscough Associates to finalise a revised Local Assessment Procedure to be presented to the next meeting of Standards Committee for final approval

3. OPTIONS:

- a) To support the suggested proposals for change
- b) Not to support the suggested proposals for change
- c) To propose alternative amendments

4. CONSULTATION:

Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial		✓
Legal	✓	
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment	✓	
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		

6. IMPLICATIONS:

The Council needs to ensure that it has a Local Assessment Procedure in place that meets the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To ensure that the Local Assessment Procedure complies with legislation.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:



20.12.03 Appendix
A re Review of LAP.d

