

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

15 September 2023

Protocol re Unreasonably Persistent/Vexatious Complainants

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to the Committee, for consideration, an updated Protocol for the Committee re Unreasonably Persistent/Vexatious Complainants.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 North Yorkshire Council's Standards and Governance Committee, at an earlier meeting, requested that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee regarding the adoption of a Protocol re Persistent/Vexatious Complainants.
- 2.2 The Standards Committee of North Yorkshire County Council, predecessor authority of the Council, adopted a Protocol for the Committee re Unreasonably Persistent/Vexatious Complainants in 2013, which still applies under the continuing authority form of local government reorganisation. A copy of the Protocol is published on the Council website here - [Meeting of Standards and Governance Committee on Monday, 11th February, 2013 | North Yorkshire Council](#)

3.0 REVISED PROTOCOL RE UNREASONABLY PERSISTENT/VEXATIOUS COMPLAINANTS

- 3.1 The opportunity has been taken to update the Protocol following Vesting Day on 1 April 2023 and an updated Protocol is attached at **Appendix 1** to this report for Members' comments.
- 3.2 Should Members be minded to agree the draft Protocol, then consequential amendments will be required to the standards complaints procedure. Draft consequential amendments are set out in **Appendix 2** for Members' comments.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no significant legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL/CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no significant environmental/climate change implications arising from this report.

7.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no significant equalities implications arising from this report

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That, subject to any comments Members may have, the updated Protocol re Unreasonably Persistent/Vexatious Standards Complainants at **Appendix 1** be approved.
- 8.2 That, subject to any comments Members may have, the draft consequential amendments to the standards complaint procedure at **Appendix 2** be approved.

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Background Documents: None

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