



## **REPORT of MONITORING OFFICER**

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to  
**STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**2 APRIL 2020**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR MONITORING OFFICER INVESTIGATIONS**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To inform the Committee of new supplementary estimate for this year of £16,000.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the contents of the report be noted.

#### **3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

3.1 Because of two complaints alleging breach of the Code of Conduct for members it has been necessary to instruct two outside investigators due to the nature of the complaints. In the past it has not been necessary to investigate complaints externally. The cost has been only of officer time.

3.2 Both the Chairman of this Committee and Leader of the Council have been consulted prior to the Section 151 Officer taking the decision.

3.3 As the estimate is below £20,000 there is only a requirement to inform this Committee.

#### **4. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES**

4.1 None.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – £16,000.

- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – Reduces need for time spent by officers investigating.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – None.

Background Papers: None.

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