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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES**

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**MEMBERS EXIT SURVEY 2017**

**Reason for this Report**

1. To enable the Committee to receive and consider the findings of the Member Exit Survey undertaken in February 2017 that fall within the remit of this Committee and agree an action plan.

**Background**

2. As part of the Council's support to Councillors the Chair of the Standards and Ethics Committee and Chair of Democratic Services Committee agreed that a Member Exit Survey be completed to enable lessons to be learnt about the experiences of Councillors whilst in office and their reasons for leaving or not standing for re-election.
3. This Committee on 30 November 2016 considered the draft Member Exit Survey and the survey was endorsed by the Democratic Services Committee at its meeting 7 December 2016.
4. The Member Exit Survey was available electronically and hard copy from 15 to 24 February 2017, and an opportunity was provided to those who wished support to complete the survey with one of the Committee and Members Services team.

**Issues**

5. The Exit Survey was open to all Members who have held the Office of Councillor since May 2012, and in total 46 responses were received by the closing date.
6. Appendix A to this report provides the overview data for generic questions 1 – 4 and provides details on the responses to Questions 14 – 21 which specifically relate to the remit of this Committee. The free text data is provided in themes in order to anonymise responses, The Committee is invited to consider potential actions arising from this data.

## **Legal Implications**

7. There are no other direct legal implications arising from the content of this report.

## **Financial Implications**

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to consider the information and recommend potential actions.

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Appendix A – Member Exit Survey Results

Background papers  
Member Exit Survey 2017