

**PE1488/U**

City of Edinburgh Council Email of 16 April 2014

Thank you for your invitation to respond to petition PE1488. Please find below our response to the following question:

***How are elected members of local authorities involved in the local authority's whistleblowing policy?***

1. The City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) Elected Members approved the Whistleblowing Policy;
2. The Council's Elected Members were given the opportunity to review and comment on the Policy before it was approved;
3. The Whistleblowing Policy provides for a Whistleblowing Hotline. A provider for the Hotline has been procured and will be in operation from May 2014;
4. The Policy provides for:
  - Quarterly and annual reports presented to the Finance and Resources Committee with a high level summary of the issues raised and actions taken; and
  - Quarterly and annual reports presented to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee with a high level summary of the issues raised and actions taken and provision of all investigative and outcome reports.

Elected Members sit on both the Finance and Resources Committee and the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

We trust that this response is of assistance but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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