

West Suffolk Joint Staff Consultative Panel

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Title of Report:	Politically Restricted Posts	
Report No:	JST/JT/15/002	
Report to and date/s:	West Suffolk Joint Staff Consultative Panel	20 July 2015
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Purpose of report:	Guidance has been produced to ensure that employees in politically restricted posts do not allow any perception to arise that their own personal or political opinions may have influenced or improperly interfered with their work.	
Recommendation:	It is recommended that the West Suffolk Joint Staff Consultative Panel note and support the contents of the Politically Restricted Posts: Guidance for Officers (attached as Appendix A).	
Key Decision:	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation:	N/A	
Alternative option(s):	None	
Implications:		
<i>Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Risk/opportunity assessment:	N/A
Ward(s) affected:	N/A
Background papers: (all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)	None
Documents attached:	Appendix A – Politically Restricted Posts: Guidance for Officers