

Summary and forward plan

Date of assessment:	April 2025			Total score
Conducted by:	Adrian Stanfield, Monitoring Officer			
Agreed review date (if applicable):	June 2026			
Principle	Score	Key gaps identified	Actions to progress	Updates
Creating safe spaces	3	Information is available to Members, but opportunities to openly discuss concerns are limited and unstructured No formal process is in place for Members No formal or structured process to get feedback from Members	Provide structured opportunities for Members to discuss concerns Promote rather than signpost to support services Provide training to support relevant staff to identify signs of stress	
Creating a risk led approach	3	No formal risk assessment tool is available for Members, nor any advice on specific risks arising out of an assessment (other than on an ad-hoc basis) There is no regular monitoring or review of risk	Develop a risk assessment tool for Members Provide formal support opportunities for Members to receive feedback on risk assessments Provide training to support relevant staff to identify signs of stress	
Creating infrastructure	7	Limited information provided to Members about available support and how the council will handle reports of abuse,	Provision of a dedicated Councillor support page with details of contacts and how	

		including communication channels and points of contact	reports of abuse will be considered	
Creating connections	9	No key gaps identified	Develop formal guidance for Members and Council staff on the role of the police in addressing abuse and the process for engaging with law enforcement agencies	
Creating a culture of safety and respect	6	No formal support offered to Members to communicate clear expectations for interactions with the public	Provide all Members with access to the guidance and infographics developed by the Local Government Association under the 'Digital Citizenship' campaign.	