



AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Thursday, 26th January, 2023 at 6.30 pm

36. Local Government (Disqualification) Act 2022 Changes to Disqualification Criteria for Councillors

A report was submitted that updated the Committee on the new grounds for disqualification from being elected to, or being a member of, a local authority that had been introduced by the Local Government (Disqualification) Act 2022.

A concern was raised with regards Elected Members only requiring a standard DBS check. It was explained that there was no requirement under law for an enhanced check unless engaged in functions relating to children or vulnerable adults. Furthermore, a DBS check was carried out per role and was not transferrable, and it wouldn't necessarily highlight anti-social behaviour. It was felt that the position could be reviewed at the Member Structures and Support Working Group.

Information on the cost of enhanced DBS checks was requested by Councillor Baker.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the report be noted and forwarded to Full Council; and
- (2) That following Full Council **the Monitoring Officer be requested to forward a copy of the report to Parish and Town Councils in the Borough for information along with a recommendation that the report be considered and noted at their next Parish and Town Council meetings.**