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Dear Mr Todd

Thank you for your letter seeking SOLACE (Scotland)'s views on Petition PE1488 and the discussions that took place at the meeting of the Public Petitions Committee on 29 October 2013.

The particular whistleblowing policies and procedures that individual local authorities have in place are a matter for local decision-making by Elected Members. As such, these arrangements will not only meet councils' statutory obligations but will also be responsive to local circumstances. The role of Elected Members is also crucial in ensuring the necessary degree of oversight and accountability.

Given the locally-determined nature of whistleblowing policies within Scottish local government, SOLACE (Scotland) would suggest that this call for evidence could be more usefully directed to individual local authorities in order to attempt to elicit a collective local government view on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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