

MEETING	CABINET
DATE	21 JUNE 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ALEXANDER (CHAIR), FRASER, GUNNELL, LOOKER, MERRETT, POTTER (ATTENDED FOR AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8) AND SIMPSON-LAING (VICE-CHAIR)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR CRISP
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS KING, TAYLOR, WARTERS AND WATSON

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

9. MEDIA PROTOCOL

Consideration was given to a report which had been added to the agenda as an urgent item on 17 June 2011. The report proposed a change to the existing Media Protocol to ensure that communication of Council policies and activities were open and transparent giving clear accountability for all Council decision making.

The Chair pointed out that following a review of media protocols in use in other local authorities it appeared that York was unique in not providing quotes from elected members. He therefore requested approval of the alteration in order to provide clear and open communication of council policy.

RECOMMENDED: i) That Council approve the revised Media Protocol at their meeting on 30 June 2011.

ii) That Council agree to the removal of the Media Protocol from the Council's Constitution.¹

REASON: i) To ensure greater transparency and accountability.

- ii) To ensure that future practical amendments can be made to the policy without disproportionate bureaucratic decision making

Action Required

1. Refer recommendations to Council

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CLLR J ALEXANDER, Chair

[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.30 pm].