

**Joint Standards Committee**

**5 September 2018**

## **Report of the Monitoring Officer**

### **Member / Officer Relations Protocol**

#### **Summary**

1. This report seeks Members' views on a review of the current protocol.

#### **Background**

2. Like many Councils the City Council has a protocol on Member/Officer relations. The current protocol appears at Annex A. The contents of the protocol are very much in line with those found elsewhere and previous reviews by the Committee have not resulted in substantial changes.
3. The Task group which has been reviewing the code of conduct has recommended that the code should contain a provision that members must comply with the protocol. It is therefore an opportune time to review the protocol again.
4. The Committee has already given an indication that it would like to see consultation with political groups and trades unions as part of this review. That has not begun as yet.
5. It seems appropriate for this review to be referred to the Task group given its connection to other work conducted by the Task group.

#### **Recommendations**

6. Members are recommended to refer this review to the Task group and confirm their wish that it be informed by the consultation process referred to in the report.

Reason: To promote good Member/Officer relations

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

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**Background Papers: None**

**Annex A – Member officer relations protocol**