

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2009

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services

Review of the Protocol on Officer/Member Relations

Summary

1. On 23 January 2009 the Standards Committee considered a report outlining the review of the Protocol on Officer/Member Relations.
2. The Committee was presented with three options and approved option B agreeing the amended draft of the Protocol subject to various amendments and consultation.
3. The amendments suggested by the Committee have been incorporated into the draft Protocol.

Consultation

4. As recommended by the Committee, a copy of the draft Protocol (as amended) was forwarded to the group leaders, group secretaries, directors, trades unions and the Head of Human Resources on 13 March 2009, inviting comments by 15 May 2009.
5. No responses were received, except one from Human Resources, which stated "... I welcome the draft as it should make things more transparent and relationships with Members clearer than they currently are, both for Officers and Members".

Implications

6. There are no legal, financial or human resources implications.

Recommendations

7. It is hereby recommended that the Standards Committee:
 - (a) Agree the amended Protocol on Officer/Member Relations.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

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

All

Background Papers:

Appendices:

Appendix A: Report to Standards Committee dated 23 January 2009

Appendix B: Minute of Decision