

Protocol for dealing with potential criminal offences

Purpose – how the monitoring officer reports potential criminal offences arising from the failure to register or declare disclosable pecuniary interests or from speaking and voting where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest and has not first sought a dispensation

- 1) In the event that the Monitoring Officer receives a complaint regarding a potential DPI offence the following steps will be taken.
- 2) The subject member may be asked for comments or a meeting may be arranged.
- 3) The independent persons will be provided with the information and meet with the monitoring officer to decide if the matter should be referred to the police as an alternative course of action and not dealt with under the code of conduct arrangements.
- 4) A referral will only be made where the monitoring officer is of the opinion that the member has acted without reasonable excuse.