

COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS

Report By: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Purpose

1. To consider a draft communications protocol for Herefordshire Council.

Financial Implications

2. None

Background

3. At its meeting on 20 October 2006, the Standards Committee looked at Bulletin 30 from the Standards Board for England (Minute 91 refers). The Board had produced some clear and helpful guidance on dealing with the media, and the Committee agreed that this would be incorporated into a revised communications protocol for the Council.
4. The Head of Communications was tasked with revising the protocol, and his draft document is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT (a) the Committee approves the draft communications protocol, subject to any amendments it wishes to make.